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ROTC students from throughout the Dallas Independent School District carry U.S. flags at the start of the Veterans Day parade in downtown Dallas, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.

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America Marks Veterans Day with Pride, Parades

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans marked Veterans Day on Tuesday with pride and parades, while in

Europe the holiday known as Armistice Day held special meaning in the centennial year of the start of World War I.

Thousands of veterans and

their supporters marched up Fifth Avenue in New York, home to America's oldest Veterans Day parade.

At 11 a.m. — the 11th hour

of the 11th day of the 11th month — a solemn hush fell over Manhattan's Madison Square Park as veterans laid wreaths under the Eternal Light Monument to

honor the fallen. Former NYC Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly served as grand marshal.

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APEC Summit: Obama's bid for new China ties can't quell tension

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BEIJING (AP) — When Xi Jinping took the reins of a booming China two years ago, President Barack Obama saw an opportunity to remake America's

efforts to bolster U.S. economic ties in the region as a way of countering China's rise. Obama's domestic political weakness, particularly following the Democrats' defeats in last week's midterm elections, has also sparked questions

nounced a reciprocal accord to extend visa lengths for their citizens. And Obama announced that the U.S. and China had reached an understanding that would allow negotiations to move forward on a deal with the World Trade

House's public focus on cooperation, analysts say Xi's approach to running China is likely to lead to more tensions ahead.

"I think that consensus is growing that there's going to be more viscosity, more tension with China over



U.S. President Barack Obama, center, Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, right, and Canadian Minister of Trade, Ed Fast, left, join other world leaders during a tree planting ceremony at Friendship Lawn, Yanqi Lake for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 in Beijing.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

relationship with the Asian power. But even after Obama's unusually robust efforts to forge personal ties with Xi, the two leaders are meeting in Beijing amid significant tensions, both old and new. Xi has consolidated power since taking office, deepened China's provocative maritime disputes with its neighbors and stands accused of continuing cyberattacks against the United States. U.S. officials have new concerns over the potential for a crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong and are warily watching Beijing strengthen ties with Moscow as the West distances itself from Russia.

For its part, Beijing remains skeptical of Obama's intentions in Asia, seeing his

in China about whether the U.S. president can deliver on potential international agreements.

As he met with Xi for a private dinner Tuesday, Obama declared he wanted to take U.S.-China relations to a "new level." The dinner stretched on for five hours — two hours longer than scheduled — and White House officials called it "very worthwhile and a useful." The leaders planned to meet again on Wednesday, then take questions from reporters, a surprising last-minute addition to the schedule given China's tight media controls. In the lead-up to the Obama-Xi meetings, U.S. officials sought to refocus attention on areas of U.S. agreement with the Chinese. The two countries an-

Organization to reduce tariffs on high-tech goods.

U.S. officials said the two leaders were also likely to announce progress on deals to avert military confrontations in Pacific, where their aircrafts have come into close contact. Officials have also been working on possible announcements on climate change to set the stage for a summit in Paris early next year. The U.S. has been pressing China to set an ambitious target for cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and Beijing appears to be getting serious about the problem. That's a shift for China, which in previous years argued that developed countries like the U.S. bore most of the responsibility to deal with climate change.

But despite the White

the next few years," said Michael Green, an Asia analyst at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. He added that Xi has proved to be "less accommodating" and "tougher than expected" in his dealings with the U.S.

That's hardly the landscape Obama envisioned when he began trying to cultivate Xi as partner. Obama had developed little personal rapport with Xi's predecessor, the older and more formal Hu Jintao. But in Xi, U.S. officials saw a potentially new kind of leader, with closer ties to the U.S. than other Chinese officials — he spent time in Iowa as an exchange student — and an ease with public appearances that eluded Hu. □

Russia to build more nuclear reactors in Iran

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia signed a contract Tuesday to build two more nuclear reactors in Iran to be possibly followed by another six, a move intended to cement closer ties between the two nations.

The deal comes less than two weeks ahead of the Nov. 24 deadline for Tehran to sign an agreement on its nuclear program with six world powers. Tuesday's contract has no immediate relation to the talks that involve Russia and the United States, but it reflects Moscow's intention to deepen its cooperation with Tehran ahead of possible softening of Western sanctions against Iran.

Nuclear officials from the two countries signed a contract Tuesday for building two reactors at Iran's first Russia-built nuclear plant in Bushehr.

Sergei Kiriyenko, the head of Russia's Rosatom state corporation, and Iran's nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi also signed a protocol envisaging possible construction of two more reactors in Bushehr and another four in an undetermined location. "It's a turning point in the development of relations between our countries," Salehi said after the signing, according to Russian news reports.

Rosatom said in a statement that the construction of the new reactors will be monitored by the International Atomic Energy Agency. As in the case of Bushehr's first reactor that became operational in 2013, Russia will supply uranium fuel and then take it back for reprocessing — a provision intended to prevent a possibility of Iran using the spent fuel to build atomic weapons.

A potential agreement between Iran and the six powers would ease Western sanctions against Iran's economy if Tehran agrees to limit its uranium enrichment to a level that would make it unable to build nuclear weapons. □

Soldier's bravery honored

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GREEN ISLAND, N.Y. – It was a special Veterans Day for Theodore Tornosello.

Seventy years ago, the Green Island man helped chase Japanese fighters from two islands in the west Pacific before witnessing one of the iconic moments of World War II. Tornosello watched from the deck of an American landing craft as Gen. Douglas MacArthur waded ashore, fulfilling his promise to return to the Philippine Islands.

In the days and weeks leading up to Tuesday, veterans groups recognized Tornosello, 91, for bravery. They tracked down military medals he earned but never received and pinned a special award on him. The medals, along with a picture of MacArthur striding through the surf and Tornosello's immaculately preserved dress uniform, are showcased in a special shadow box made for the former soldier.

"It was an emotional thing because I never believed something like this would show up," Tornosello said, holding the framed box in his Green Island living room during a recent interview.

Tornosello graduated from Green Island High School in 1941. On Dec. 7 that year, Japanese bombers launched a deadly attack on Americans based at Pearl Harbor. Days later, the Germans declared war on the United States. Tornosello dropped his day job packing boxes in January 1943 and enlisted in the military. "They took a bunch of guys from Cohoes, Watervliet, Troy and Green Island," Tornosello recalled. "I felt pretty good about it. I figured everybody else was going in."

Tornosello became an anti-aircraft gunner and radioman. A private first class, he was assigned to the 198th Anti-Aircraft Coastal Artillery Battalion. They were ordered to root out Japanese fighters from islands near Japan. In the years before the U.S. became heavily involved in the Pacific Theater, Japan had launched a series of attacks on its neighbors. The Japanese Army struck the Philippines, where MacArthur was based, on Dec. 8, 1941, just hours after bombing Pearl Harbor. Japanese fighters captured U.S. and Philippine troops serving under MacArthur, causing the proud general to flee for Australia. MacArthur plotted and vowed to return.

Tornosello arrived at New Guinea in the spring of 1944. He and others in the unit set up 40 mm anti-aircraft guns on a beach and along an airfield to protect American troops from Japanese warplanes. "Most of the time we were under fire," he said. "We started building up our Air Force to get closer to Japan."

Tornosello made the historic landing at Luzon, an island in the Philippines controlled by the Japanese, in December 1944 while serving under MacArthur. During the taking of the beachhead, Tornosello saw MacArthur – the commander of Allied forces in the Southwest Pacific theater – emerge from a ship docked beside him. MacArthur declared from the beach that day, "I have returned." The image of the general fulfilling his long-promised return to the Philippines became a symbol of American resolve and lifted troop morale. MacArthur's speech also signaled the beginning of the end for Japan.

"When he said, 'I have returned,' he meant it," Tornosello said. Throughout the campaign, the soldier recalled, he answered to the late Sgt. Pat Rosamilia, the father of Lou Rosamilia, who is now mayor of Troy. At Luzon, the Americans took heavy losses from Japanese warplanes and shelling from surrounding mountains.

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America Marks Veterans Day

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The parade featured a float carrying rapper Ice-T, who is an Army veteran, plus six military dogs and their handlers, all of whom have served in the U.S. armed forces.

Europe marked Armistice Day with ceremonies and moments of silence as France opened an international memorial on a former battlefield. The events had special significance because this year is the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. Tuesday was the 96th anniversary of the armistice that ended the war on Nov. 11, 1918.

French President Francois Hollande placed a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier under Paris' Arc de Triomphe.

Later, he inaugurated an international war memorial at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette, in northern France, in the presence of several German, British and Belgian officials.

The Ring of Memory carries the names of 600,000 soldiers from over 40 countries who died in the region during the war.

Vice President Joe Biden spoke at Arlington National Cemetery, where he participated in a wreath-



World War II veteran Frederick Carrier, 90, who says he help liberate the Buchenwald concentration camp during the war, waves a small American flag as he marches up Fifth Avenue during the Veterans Day parade in New York, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

laying ceremony. Biden singled out the generation of men and women who joined the armed forces after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

He said the 3.5 million men and women of that military generation made their decision with the near certainty they would be deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. He noted that more than 2.6 million ended up serving in those wars.

Biden said that the United States has never before "asked so much over such a sustained period of an all-volunteer force."

Meanwhile, Massachusetts marked Veterans Day with commemorations around the state including a parade in Boston in which gay and transgender veterans were taking part for the first time. A recently formed group called Out-Vets said it expected up to 30 people to march in Tuesday afternoon's downtown parade.

Many retailers around the U.S. offered free goods and services to anyone who has served in the military, a trend that has been growing since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. □



Katie Baylett, 9, grasps onto a folded flag as heavy snow falls after a Veterans Day memorial service for her father, retired Special Forces soldier Randall Baylett, 45, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 at the Memorial Park Veterans Memorial in Colorado Springs, Colo. Baylett, who passed on Friday, Nov. 7, retired from the Army after 22 years and multiple deployments including Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(AP Photo/The Colorado Springs Gazette, Michael Ciaglo)



Doctor recovers from Ebola, leaves NYC hospital

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NEW YORK (AP) — A Doctors Without Borders physician who was declared free of Ebola said Tuesday he was living proof that early detection and isolation can stop the spread of the deadly virus, and he called for a better focus at the center of the outbreak in West Africa.

With Dr. Craig Spencer's recovery, there are no Ebola patients currently under treatment in the U.S.

Spencer was diagnosed Oct. 23, days after his return from Guinea, where he had been treating Ebola patients with the nonprofit. Hours after his release, his fiancée was released from being quarantined at their Harlem apartment. Offi-

cials said she would instead be monitored, along with nearly 300 other people, including some Bellevue workers and recent travelers from West Africa.

Spencer's treatment included a transfusion of blood plasma from another Ebola survivor, health officials said. The emergency room doctor is expected to return to work soon at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University.

"Please join me in turning our attention back to West Africa," where the virus has killed thousands of people this year, Spencer said after thanking Bellevue staffers who treated him and getting a hug from Mayor Bill de Blasio.

During his time in Guinea, he said, he cried as he held children not strong enough



Dr. Craig Spencer, who was the first Ebola patient in New York City, listens to comments during a news conference at New York's Bellevue Hospital, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

to survive the virus and was overjoyed when patients he treated were cured. He said his Guinean colleagues are the heroes

no one is talking about: "Those who have been on the front lines since Day One and saw friends and family members die continue to fight to save their communities with so much compassion and dignity." Officials have stressed

that Ebola is not airborne and can be spread only through direct contact with the bodily fluids of an infected person who is showing symptoms. Still, news of Spencer's infection unnerved some New Yorkers, particularly after they learned that he rode the subway, dined out and went bowling in the days before he developed a fever and tested positive.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie responded by announcing a mandatory, 21-day quarantine for travelers who have come in close contact with Ebola patients.

Meanwhile, a nurse who said she defied quarantines in New Jersey and Maine on behalf of all health care workers returning from fighting Ebola in West Africa ended a 21-day Ebola incubation period late Monday. □

American students held in Russia headed home

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Four U.S. students who travelled to Russia for a leadership conference had their trip cut short and were ordered home after Russian authorities said they had the wrong visas.

The four students traveled from California to St. Petersburg on Oct. 31 under a grant from a nonprofit to attend a two-week leadership conference.

Immigration authorities and police arrived at the conference unexpectedly Thursday and demanded to see their visas.

"This was a political statement the Russian government was trying to make," said Scott Winter, who said his son and the others were

interrogated and briefly detained while they were put on trial and fined the equivalent of \$110 each.

The Tass news agency reported Yulia Nikolayeva, Russia's Federal Migration Service representative in St. Petersburg, said in a court hearing that the four had come to Russia on tourist visas but the activity they participated in was considered "social-political activity." June Thompson, the executive director of the nonprofit, the California Association of Student Councils, said Tuesday that Russian immigration authorities deported the students, accusing them of having obtained tourist visas when they should have had business visas. □

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Lame-duck session first crucial test for congress

CARL HULSE

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WASHINGTON - Fresh from an election that emphatically punctuated voter dissatisfaction with a gridlocked Washington, lawmakers return Wednesday for a lame-duck session that will provide the first crucial test of whether Democrats and Republicans can co-operate or if the next Congress will be another study in dysfunction.

Lawmakers acknowledge that clearing a backlog of stalled legislation and executive branch nominees without the partisan animus that has permeated the 113th Congress could signal a chance at progress when Republicans take over the Senate in January and solidify the party's grip on Capitol Hill. But a postelection session that breaks down in finger-pointing and recriminations over immigration policy and Internet regulation will foreshadow the likelihood of limited compromise ahead.

"The tone in the next two months is going to set the tone for the next two years," said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., a member of the Republican leadership. If they cannot make deals now, they might never be able to, because all sides have real incentives to act. Democrats want to use the remaining days of their majority to pass a governmentwide spending bill, advance nominations, consider a Pentagon policy bill and perhaps enact surveillance law changes. Republicans want to clear away much of the legislative underbrush and renew some tax breaks so they can have a clean start in January. The White House would also like to see government funding assured through next fall and to fill some of its executive and judicial branch vacancies.

"The key to it is finding something that both sides can agree on and understanding that the end result has to make both sides look reasonably good or at least not too bad," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-

Tenn.

Republicans said they were pleased that Democrats seemed increasingly inclined not to use the lame-duck session to press for the confirmation of Loretta E. Lynch, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, as the new attorney general, a move that Republicans were seeing as just one last bit of nomination hardball on the part of their adversaries.

Democrats now indicate that given the press of other priorities, there may not be time to bring the nomination to a floor vote. They say that given her strong credentials, Lynch should be able to win confirmation from a Republican Senate. And if Republicans block her,

Democrats see some political advantage because Republicans would be killing the nomination of the first African-American woman to head the Justice Department - a move that could provoke a backlash. For their part, Democrats and their allies would like to see Republicans allow some leeway on nominations, particularly career Foreign Service officers waiting for ambassadorial confirmations, rather than force Democrats to consume hours of floor time pushing them through.

"I think one of the indicators will be nominations and whether we can move a significant amount," said Sen. Angus King, a Maine independent who caucuses with Democrats. "If we can move some of these things in an expeditious way, I think that will indicate there is an opportunity for some working relationship."

Democrats are also watching to see if Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the incoming Senate majority leader, and House Speaker John A. Boehner stick behind spending legislation that funds the government through Sept. 30 or if they bow to increasing demands from some lawmakers and conservative activists to fund the government on a short-term basis. □



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), center, with Sens. John Barrasso (Wyo.), second from left, and John Cornyn (R-Texas), right, before a meeting with President Barack Obama in Washington. Fresh from an election that emphatically punctuated voter dissatisfaction with a gridlocked Washington, lawmakers return Wednesday for a lame-duck session that will provide the first crucial test of possible bipartisan progress.

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States race to improve health exchanges as open enrollment nears

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WASHINGTON - Massachusetts and Minnesota have sharply increased the number of call center workers who will help people enroll in health plans through the states' insurance exchanges. Colorado has created an online avatar named Kyla to guide consumers through the sign-up process. And Maryland has replaced its exchange, which foundered last year, with Connecticut's successful model.

Across the country, many of the states that created their own insurance exchanges under the Afford-

able Care Act are rushing to complete improvements before Saturday, when a new open enrollment period begins. Though some had smooth sailing last year, a few experienced worse technical problems than the federal marketplace serving 36 states, which had a disastrous roll-out.

In Maryland, where frozen screens and error messages persisted for months, the state has raced to adapt the software used by Connecticut in time. Along with Massachusetts, which has also replaced a defective exchange on a tight time frame, Maryland will draw



Andrea Mauck, left, communications coordinator for HealthCare Access Maryland, a consumer group that helps enroll people under the Affordable Care Act, talks with Kris Rusch, director of communications, in Reisterstown, Md., Nov. 9, 2014. Many of the states that created their own insurance exchanges under the ACA are rushing to complete improvements before Saturday, when a new open enrollment period begins.

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special scrutiny in the coming weeks as consumers start testing the new systems.

Maryland officials say they are confident that things will run smoothly because they are relying on a proven model and have tested it extensively. Like several other states, they switched vendors, replaced exchange managers and spent millions of additional dollars to avoid repeating last year's technical failures.

"It's like a night-and-day difference," said Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, the state's health secretary and chairman of the exchange. "We have adapted software that fundamentally works." But the task will be more complicated this time. In addition to signing up new customers, the exchange, Maryland Health Connection, will need to re-enroll about 50,000 people who bought subsidized private coverage during last year's enrollment period. Those consumers will lose their subsidies if they do not re-apply by Dec. 18, because the exchange cannot transfer information from the old system to the new. The exchange is reaching out to them by phone, letter and email; their insurers are contacting them as well.

Dr. Peter Beilenson, chief executive of Evergreen Health Co-op, one of four insurers offering coverage through the Maryland exchange, said the new system would be "vastly better." But he worries that consumers haunted by last year's well-publicized failures will not try it.

"The \$64,000 question is not how well it's going to work, but are people going to come to it?" Beilenson said. "There's a lot of cynicism and distrust, and a huge lack of knowledge."

The new website, built by Deloitte Consulting, will have a simpler application process and allow for anonymous browsing. Last year customers had to create an account before seeing the details of insurance plans, which led to major bottlenecks - a problem that also affected the federal exchange and several other state exchanges. Other exchanges have also tried to streamline the enrollment process and the look of their websites. Many will have more workers in their call centers this year and more enrollment events to help people through the sign-up process. California's exchange, Covered California, is opening 200 storefronts across the state where people can get one-on-one help. □

Ford gets the aluminum F-150 ready for prime time

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AP Auto Writer

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Russell Barnett, a Ford dealer in Tennessee, is ready for aluminum.

Ford is using the metal almost exclusively in the body of the 2015 version of its best-selling F-150 pickup, which will arrive at dealerships next month. Barnett is already answering customers' questions about the truck, and he's updated his repair shop not only for the F-150, but in anticipation that other Ford vehicles will eventually make the switch from steel.

But just in case, he ordered some extra steel-bodied 2014 pickups.

"There will be some people who won't want to change for a while," says Barnett, who says pickups make up around half of the annual sales at his dealership in rural Winchester.

Ford is doubling down on aluminum, which is lighter and more expensive than steel but just as tough. The new truck is the company's response to customers' requests for a more fuel-efficient and nimbler pickup. Ford hopes the advantages outweigh customer doubts about the durability of aluminum or potential repair costs for the pricier metal. It's a big risk. So far this year, one out of every three vehicles Ford sold in the U.S. was an F-Series pickup. Morgan Stanley estimates F-Series trucks account for 90 percent of Ford's global automotive profit. On Tuesday, Ford kicked off production of the new truck at its Dearborn Truck Plant, four miles from the company's headquarters. "Yeah, this is a risk, but it's one well worth taking," said Bill Ford, the company's executive chairman, as he stood alongside the assembly line. "For our customer, this is a big, big leap forward."

The F-150 has been the best-selling vehicle in the U.S. for 32 straight years; last year, Ford sold nearly 100,000 more full-size pickups than General Motors. Aluminum isn't new to the auto industry, but this is the

first time it will cover the entire body of such a high-volume vehicle. Ford made 647,697 F-150 pickups at its two U.S. plants last year; that's one every 49 seconds.

If Ford's bet pays off, it could pad its lead in the lucrative truck market. More importantly, aluminum "future proofs" the truck — and the company — in an era of rising fuel economy standards, says Karl Brauer, a senior analyst with Kelley Blue Book.

Ford will announce the truck's fuel economy figures later this month. The company says the 2015 truck will have from 5 percent to 20 percent better fuel economy than the current version, which gets up to 23 mpg. A figure in the higher end of that range might convince some buyers to switch brands, says Jesse Toprak, chief sales analyst for the car buying site Cars.com.

"If I own a business and if I look at the numbers, and it's going to add up over time, then I'll think twice about it," Toprak says.

Ford has the disadvantage of introducing the truck as gas prices are hitting a four-year low. But CEO Mark Fields says even when gas prices were \$1.25, truck buyers still asked for better fuel economy.

"These vehicles are not just vehicles to our customers. They're tools to help them do their job," Fields says.

"This thing has to deliver." Toprak believes Ford's biggest risk is the unknown. Truck buyers simply don't know how an aluminum body will hold up over time. When Ginny Pruet, who runs a wedding rental business in Rockwall, Texas, decided to trade in her 2012 F-150 to get one with a backup camera, she chose a 2014.

Pruet, 54, has checked out the 2015 version at auto shows. She is impressed by the new truck's bells and whistles, like the movable LED spotlights on the side mirrors. But she's concerned that aluminum is untested and not worth the extra cost. □



A production 2015 F-150 rolls off the assembly line at the Dearborn Truck Plant in Dearborn, Mich., Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014. The aluminum-sided F-150 could set a new industry standard — or cost the company its pickup truck crown.

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American Living:

Businesses cash in as women chase bigger butts

JOSEPH PISANI

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Gym classes that promise a plump posterior are in high demand. A surgery that pumps fat into the buttocks is gaining popularity. And padded panties that give the appearance of a rounder rump are selling out.

The U.S. booty business is getting a big bump. Companies are cashing in on growing demand from women seeking the more curvaceous figures of their favorite stars, who flaunt their fuller rear ends.

Nicki Minaj, for instance, raps about her "big fat" butt in "Anaconda." Reality star Kim Kardashian posts photos of hers on Instagram. And in the music video for "Booty," Jennifer Lopez and Iggy Azalea, wearing leotards, spend four minutes rubbing their curvy bottoms together. At one point, they slap each other on the booty.

As a result of the pop culture moment the butt is having, sales for Booty Pop, which hawks \$22 foam padded panties on its website, are up 47 percent in the last six months from the same period a year earlier. The company, which declined to give sales figures, has sold out of certain styles and colors this year, including its Pink Cotton Candy Boy Shorts. Susan Bloomstone, Booty Pop's co-founder, says customers have asked for larger sizes. So, the Boston-based company plans to begin selling pads that are 25 percent larger this



Kelly Brabants leads her "Booty by Brabants" class at The Club by George Foreman III gym in Boston. The class, started by Brabants a year ago, fits in 120 squats in 45 minutes.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

month. "People just want more booty," she says.

Feel Foxy, another maker of padded panties, says 2014 has been its best year since launching nearly a decade ago. Sales are up 40 percent from a year ago, but the company declined to give sales figures.

"The Nicki Minaj song gave women the idea to pay attention to their rear end," says Jessica Asmar, co-owner of the Houston company.

Deborah Santiago squeezed into a \$40 Feel Foxy one-piece for her 30th birthday. The shapewear flattened Santiago's waist and boosted her back side. A flat butt can ruin an outfit, says the New York stay-at-home mother of two. Lopez

is her butt idol, but she also covets the bottoms of reality TV stars on "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" and "Love & Hip Hop."

"I always wanted a big butt," Santiago says. "Something you could look twice at."

To be sure, the desire for big butts isn't new. Large booties long have been preferable in Latino and black communities, says Dr. Dionne Stephens, an associate psychology professor at Florida International University who has researched sexuality in popular culture. And this is not the first time big butts have been in songs. (Think: "Baby Got Back" by Sir Mix-A-Lot in the 1990s.)

But recently, the desire for

a bigger bottom became more mainstream, in large part due to pop culture influences. Mainstream celebrities like Lopez and Minaj accepting their ample assets on camera have given the butt cachet. "When people see things repeated on TV more and more, it becomes normalized," Stephens says.

Whatever the reason, the widespread interest in larger hind parts seems to have started when Kardashian's reality TV show, "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," began airing seven years ago.

Some businesses that specialize in butts say pop culture has had a direct impact on their bottom line. A Brazilian butt lift, in which

fat is sucked from a patient's stomach, love handles or back and put into their buttocks and hips, is increasingly popular in the U.S. This type of surgery, along with buttock implants, was the fastest-growing plastic surgery last year, with more than 11,000 procedures, up 58 percent from 2012, according to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.

Dr. Matthew Schulman, who performs the procedure in New York, says this year has been busier than last. Schulman, who charges \$10,000 to \$13,000 for the three-hour surgery, does six to eight Brazilian butt lifts weekly, up about 25 percent from a year ago.

He says when he asks patients which celebrity butt they want, the top names are Kardashian, Minaj and Lopez. Recently, more women have asked for a butt like Kardashian's sister, Khloe, who also stars in the reality show.

Not everyone is trying surgery, though. Those looking for more natural ways to enhance their derriere are attending workout classes and watching workout videos that target the butt.

DailyBurn, which streams workout videos, says views for its "Butt, Hips and Thighs" video doubled in January and have remained popular. The video is so popular that DailyBurn is adding another butt workout clip in December.

At a gym in Boston, there's a waitlist for a \$30 class that fits in 120 squats in 45 minutes. The class, Booty by Brabants. □



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Iraqi forces retake most of strategic oil town

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi soldiers battling the Islamic State group recaptured most of the town of Beiji, home to the country's largest oil refinery, state television and a provincial governor said Tuesday.

The strategic town, 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of Baghdad, will likely be a base for a future push to take back Saddam Hussein's hometown just to the south, one of the main prizes overrun by the extremists last summer. But troops backed by Shiite militias faced pockets of stiff resistance around Beiji, hindering their advance.

There was no word on the fate of the refinery, which lies on Beiji's northern outskirts, but the advances in the town could help break the five-month siege of the facility by Islamic State fighters. Since June, a small army unit inside the refinery, resupplied and reinforced by air, has successfully resisted wave after wave of extremist assaults.

Lifting the siege of the refinery, which sits inside a sprawling complex, was likely the next objective in the campaign to rid Beiji of the militants, according to military officials reached in the town by telephone.

Hours after news from Beiji broke, a suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden car into a military outpost in the Tarmiyah district north of Baghdad, killing seven soldiers and wounding 13 others, according to police and hospital officials. Those killed included the post's commander, a major, and two other officers, a captain and lieutenant, they said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, but it bore the

hallmarks of the militant Sunnis of the Islamic State group. Also, nine people were killed and 24 injured in three separate blasts in and around Baghdad.

State television quoted the top army commander in Beiji, Gen. Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi, as saying troops recaptured Beiji's local government and police headquarters at the center of the town. It aired footage taken Tuesday of army tanks and armored personnel carriers moving around the town's dusty streets and a ball of white smoke rising in the background.

Al-Saadi later spoke to state television by telephone but the line appeared to be cut off after he said his forces were meeting stiff resistance. Three military officials later reached by The Associated Press in the town said the advancing army troops and Shiite militiamen are being slowed down by booby-trapped houses and ambushes.

Raed Ibrahim, the governor of Salahuddin province, where both Beiji and Tikrit are located, said the military had secured about 75 percent of the town as of Tuesday, retaking the center of the town and outlying districts. He said government forces continued to meet fierce resistance from the militants, whom he said were using suicide bombers to stall the military's advance.

Ibrahim, speaking to the AP by telephone, also said booby-trapped buildings posed an added threat in Beiji. Neither the military officials nor Ibrahim gave casualty figures for the government forces or the militants. The officials, however, said the forces had blocked access to Beiji from Anbar province, where militants control vast swaths of land,



A column of smoke rises from an oil refinery in Beiji, some 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, after an attack by Islamic militants. Iraqi soldiers battling the Islamic State group recaptured the heart of the town of Beiji, home to the country's largest oil refinery, state television and a military official said Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014. Retaking Beiji, could allow Iraqi forces a base to attack neighboring Tikrit, taken by the extremists after their lightning advance this summer.

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prior to their assault on the town to prevent militant reinforcements from reach-

ing the city. The military, police and hospital officials spoke on condition of ano-

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Palestinian leader accuses Israel of religious war

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Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accused Israel on Tuesday of leading the region toward a "religious war," saying frequent visits by Jewish worshippers to a site sacred to both Islam and Judaism are fueling clashes that have raised fears of a widespread outbreak of fighting.

The accusation drew a sharp response from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who said Abbas was making matters worse. "Instead of calming tempers, he is inflaming them. Instead of educating his people for peace, Abu Mazen is educating them for terror attacks," Netanyahu said in a nationally televised address, referring to Abbas.

After meeting his Security Cabinet for several hours, Netanyahu also said security forces had been bolstered, and that he would begin imposing tough measures against violent



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas addresses supporters during a ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's death, at his headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.

(AP Photo/Nasser Nasser)

demonstrators.

Much of the recent unrest has stemmed from tensions surrounding the holy site in Jerusalem's Old City known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary.

Visits by Jewish worshippers have raised concerns among Muslims that Israel is secretly trying to take over the site, fanning strife in a region already on edge following the collapse of U.S.-led peace talks, Israel's bloody war last summer in the Gaza Strip, and new Israeli settlement construction plans in east Jerusalem.

The tensions at the shrines have frequently boiled over into violent demonstrations and have provided the backdrop to a series of bloody attacks on Israelis by Palestinians.

In a fiery speech to thousands of supporters at his West Bank headquarters, Abbas said Israel was trying to divide the Jerusalem site, which includes the Al-Aqsa Mosque, much as it split a shared holy site in the West Bank city of Hebron after a Jewish settler gunned down 29 Muslim worshippers 29 years ago.

"Leaders of Israel are mistaken if they think they can divide the Al-Aqsa Mosque as they have done in Ibrahimi Mosque, and they will retreat from this one, too," Abbas said.

"By dividing the mosques, they are leading us to a religious war, and no one — Muslim or Christian — will accept that Jerusalem be theirs," Abbas said, urging Palestinians to defend the site. "Jerusalem is our capital, and there will be no concessions."

Abbas' speech marked the 10th anniversary of the death of Yasser Arafat, the longtime Palestinian leader

and founder of the dominant Fatah faction.

He also used the occasion to attack the rival Hamas movement, accusing the Islamic militant group of undermining reconciliation efforts after a seven-year rift. The rivals agreed in June on the formation of a unity government, but Hamas, which overran Gaza in 2007, continues to control the territory.

Abbas accused Hamas of carrying out a series of bombings on the homes of Fatah leaders last week that led to the cancellation of what would have been the first Arafat memorial in Gaza since 2007. He also said the group was blocking postwar reconstruction efforts, leaving an estimated 100,000 people homeless.

"For whose interest are they blocking the reconstruction?" Abbas said. "The only losers are our people while you sit in your houses and hide out."

For Jews, the Temple Mount is revered as the site of the ancient Hebrew Temples and is the most sacred place in Judaism. The Noble Sanctuary, home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the gold-topped Dome of the Rock, is the third-holiest site in Islam after Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia. While Jews are allowed to visit the hilltop compound, they are not supposed to pray there under a long-standing arrangement.

A growing number of visits by Jewish worshippers who seek the right to pray and an expanded Jewish presence at the site have unnerved Palestinians. Last month, a Palestinian gunman shot and seriously wounded a Jewish activist who has campaigned for greater access to the site. □

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Captain gets 36 years for deserting ferry in Korea

CHOE SANG-HUN

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GWANGJU, South Korea -

The captain of the South Korean ferry that sank in April, killing more than 300 people, was sentenced Tuesday to 36 years in prison for deserting his ship and its passengers in a fatal crisis. But he was acquitted

who was sentenced to 30 years in prison. The judge said Park was guilty of willful negligence for abandoning two seriously injured cooks whom he could have saved.

The captain's acquittal on the most serious charge outraged some victims' relatives in the courtroom



A man looks at portraits of victims aboard the sunken ferry Sewol in the water off the southern coast, in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014. A South Korean court on Tuesday handed a 36-year prison sentence to the captain of the ferry Lee Joon-seok, saying he was professionally negligent and abandoned his passengers during the disaster in April that killed more than 300 people.

(AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)

of murder, infuriating family members of some of the victims in the country's worst disaster in decades.

The captain, Lee Jun-seok, "abandoned his passengers, knowing that they were waiting for instructions from the crew and that if they were not evacuated, their lives would be at risk," the presiding judge, Lim Joung-youb, said in his ruling, which ended the five-month trial of Lee and 14 other crew members from the ferry, the Sewol.

Prosecutors had charged Lee, 69, with murder through willful negligence and asked for the death penalty, but the judge said they had failed to prove that charge. Instead, he convicted the captain of failing to take the steps required to save passengers in an emergency. Thirty-six years is the maximum sentence the law allows for that charge.

One senior crew member, however, was convicted of murder: Park Gio-ho, the chief engineer,

in Gwangju District Court on Tuesday. "You call that law? That's nonsense," several shouted.

"Why don't you just free them so we can punish them ourselves?" an angry father yelled at the judge. In a joint statement, some of the victims' families said a death sentence would have shown "that one cannot keep his own life if he betrays his duty to protect other lives and sacrifices hundreds of people in order to save his own."

The sinking of the Sewol was a national trauma, and the trial may have been the most emotionally fraught legal case South Korea has ever undergone. Most of the 304 people who died in the disaster were students from a single high school, on a class trip.

When the 6,825-ton ferry sank off the country's southwestern coast of South Korea on April 16, it was carrying twice as much cargo as legally allowed, and much of it was poorly secured. □

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In socialist Venezuela, Barbie for the masses

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Socialism has embraced Barbie, just in time for Christmas.

Mothers, grandmothers and beaming little girls are grabbing armfuls of the dolls in toy stores across Caracas, taking advantage of the government's order that large chains sell the plastic figurines at fire-sale prices during the holiday shopping season.

No sooner had saleswoman Crystal Casanova begun mounting a display of gleaming pink boxes on a recent weekday than a horde of women descended.

Soon, she and her co-workers were letting customers grab the Barbies straight out of the Mattel-stamped cardboard cartons.

Within minutes, the entire stock was gone, with the dolls selling for as little as 250 bolivars — \$2.50 at the widely used black market conversion rate.

Venezuela's socialist government has long imposed price caps on essential products, from milk to laundry detergent, and threatened merchants who hoard goods or sell them at unfairly high margins with jail time.

Now President Nicolas Maduro is making the Barbie doll, often derided by leftists as a training tool for capitalist consumerism, a highlight of this year's "Operation Merry Christmas," which he presented as an effort to prevent speculators from ruining the holidays.

Maduro's mentor, the late President Hugo Chavez, once denounced "the stupidity of Barbie" and called for Venezuela to develop its own iconic children's toys.

Feminists, too, criticize the doll for presenting an unhealthy image of the female body, though in Venezuela, a land of beauty queens and abundant plastic surgery, it's an image many women strive to meet.

products sometimes force retailers to sell at a loss, discouraging imports and feeding shortages, though retailers declined to comment on the case of the Barbies.

Government inspectors allege the stores are specu-

with sparkling pompoms.

Last year, she had to pay dearly to put a brand-name doll under the tree. The more elaborate Barbie models go for 3,500 bolivars — three week's pay for someone earning minimum wage.



Shoppers look at the selection of Barbie dolls for sale at a store in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014. Venezuelans are grabbing armfuls of the dolls in toy stores across Caracas, taking advantage of the government's mandate that large chains sell the plastic figurines at fire-sale prices during the holiday shopping season.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

The toy isn't the only product affected by the initiative. Across town from the Barbie bonanza, the government is selling big-ticket products directly to shoppers at a fraction of what they usually cost.

Hundreds of Venezuelans have been camping out for a shot at buying plasma TVs, computers and refrigerators at a government-run fair that began this month. It's the second year that the administration has sponsored this kind of Christmas special.

Business leaders say that mandatory discounts on

lating with unfairly high prices, taking advantage of people's need to buy Christmas presents.

For shoppers contending with chronic shortages, hour-long checkout lines and the world's highest inflation, the sporadic price cuts are a rare bright spot that even critics of Chavez's socialist ideology can enjoy.

Andrea Alberto, a 22-year-old student, managed to nab a stack of dolls for her stunned-looking 3-year-old, under whose arm she'd tucked an "I Can Be Cheerleader" Barbie, complete

"It's his fault we're in this mess, but I guess I have to admit I am benefiting from Chavismo right now," Alberto said, laughing with her friends.

Maria Gonzalez, who lives in one of Caracas' hillside slums, snagged two deeply discounted "Spa to Fab" Barbies, which go for \$19.50 in the U.S. Her grandchildren love the dolls, she said, but she could never afford to buy them any.

"They're going to be so excited," she said, and then went back to see if she could find a third box. □

Mexican police shoot US teen around border

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Police in the Mexican border state of Tamaulipas wounded a pregnant 14-year-old U.S. citizen after the truck she was in failed to obey police commands to stop.

The Tamaulipas state prosecutor's office said late Monday the teen and her four-month-old fetus are not in danger of dying.

The office said the shooting happened around midnight on a Reynosa street near the international bridge leading to Pharr, Texas.

State police officers approached the girl and a boy who was driving the truck outside a convenience store, and ordered them to stop.

When it stopped, the driver fled and the girl was found wounded in the belly, and taken to a hospital.

The prosecutor's office said the state police officers would be questioned in the case.

The U.S. Embassy in Mexico said it was aware of reports that an American citizen had been shot in Reynosa, but could not provide further details.

Meanwhile, inquiries continue into the deaths of three American siblings found shot to death outside the nearby city of Matamoros in late October.

The parents of Erica, Alex and Jose Angel Alvarado Rivera of Progreso, Texas, said armed men dressed in uniforms identifying them as "Grupo Hercules," a specialized police unit in Matamoros took them and Erica's boyfriend from a taco restaurant near the border town of El Control on Oct. 13. Their bodies were found on Oct. 29, outside Matamoros. □



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EAGLE BEACH - Une Affair Exceptionnelle was recently enjoyed at the charming Tulip Caribbean Brasserie, pairing award winning cuisine with world famous wines from Bordeaux, France, and not just any French wines but the ones created by venerated Baron Philippe de Rothschild more than 80 years ago, and contemporarily produced under the original Mouton Cadet label. The evening featured a

garden reception, then dinner was served with a trinity theme, a variety of three Amuse hors d'oeuvres Amuse, a ternary of delicious appetizers, a three way exquisite beef preparation and a terzeto of delightful sweets, enjoyed by more than fifty food and wine lovers. Govert van der Hout of Arion wine company served as the evening's wine educator as he guided patrons through the tasting of four



different wines by Mouton Cadet. The name of Mouton Cadet, he explained, implies a popular range of Bordeaux wines, considered Bordeaux's most successful brand. Created by Baron Philippe de Rothschild of the Rothschild banking dynasty, it was named after his premier cru vineyard Château Mouton Rothschild. Mouton Cadet has been produced since the 1930s through the assembly of a variety of grapes, from several Bordeaux regional appellations. It was originally only a red "Claret" wine, but in the 1970s a white wine was added to

the label, followed in 2007 by a rosé wine and in 2012 by a single varietal Sauvignon Blanc. All four of the Mouton Cadet wines were tasted that night, including the 2011 Mouton Cadet Vintage Edition, which pays tribute to the vision of the wine creator Baron Philippe de Rothschild, and boasts the original 80 year old label. Diners also savored the 2012 Mouton Cadet Sauvignon Blanc and the 2013 Le Rosé de Mouton Cadet. While the cadet wines are the junior edition of the famed Château Mouton-Rothschild wines they have been popular worldwide, and are appreciated despite their lack of prestige, enjoying a steady

increase in popularity due to their reputation of consistent quality. Govert also noted that Philippe de Rothschild died in 1988 and control of the business passed on to his daughter Philippine de Rothschild. Earlier this year she passed away and last month de eldest son of the Baroness, Philippe took charge of the business including interests in the US Napa Valley Opus One production in collaboration with Mondavi and famous Almadira, a joint venture with the Concha Y Toro winery, in Chile. Pictured here true to its name, L'Affair Exceptionnelle, the Mouton Cadet Dinner @Tulip Caribbean Brasserie. □



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NHL Roundup Griffith goal leads Bruins to win over Devils

BOSTON (AP) — Seth Griffith scored a goal destined for the highlight reels to break a second-period deadlock and Reilly Smith added another just 80 seconds later to lead the Boston Bruins to a 4-2 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Monday night.

It was the fifth straight victory for the Bruins.

Griffith split two Devils as he crossed the blue line and, when New Jersey defenseman Marek Zidlicky spun him around, he slapped the puck backward between his own legs and the legs of goalie Cory Schneider.

The play got a big cheer from the capacity crowd — and an even bigger one when it was replayed on the scoreboard and fans could see in slow motion what had happened.

Smith made it 4-2 with 39 seconds left in the second period. Patrice Bergeron had a goal and two assists. Tuukka Rask stopped 26 shots for Boston.

Schneider made 19 saves for the Devils, who lost their fourth consecutive game.

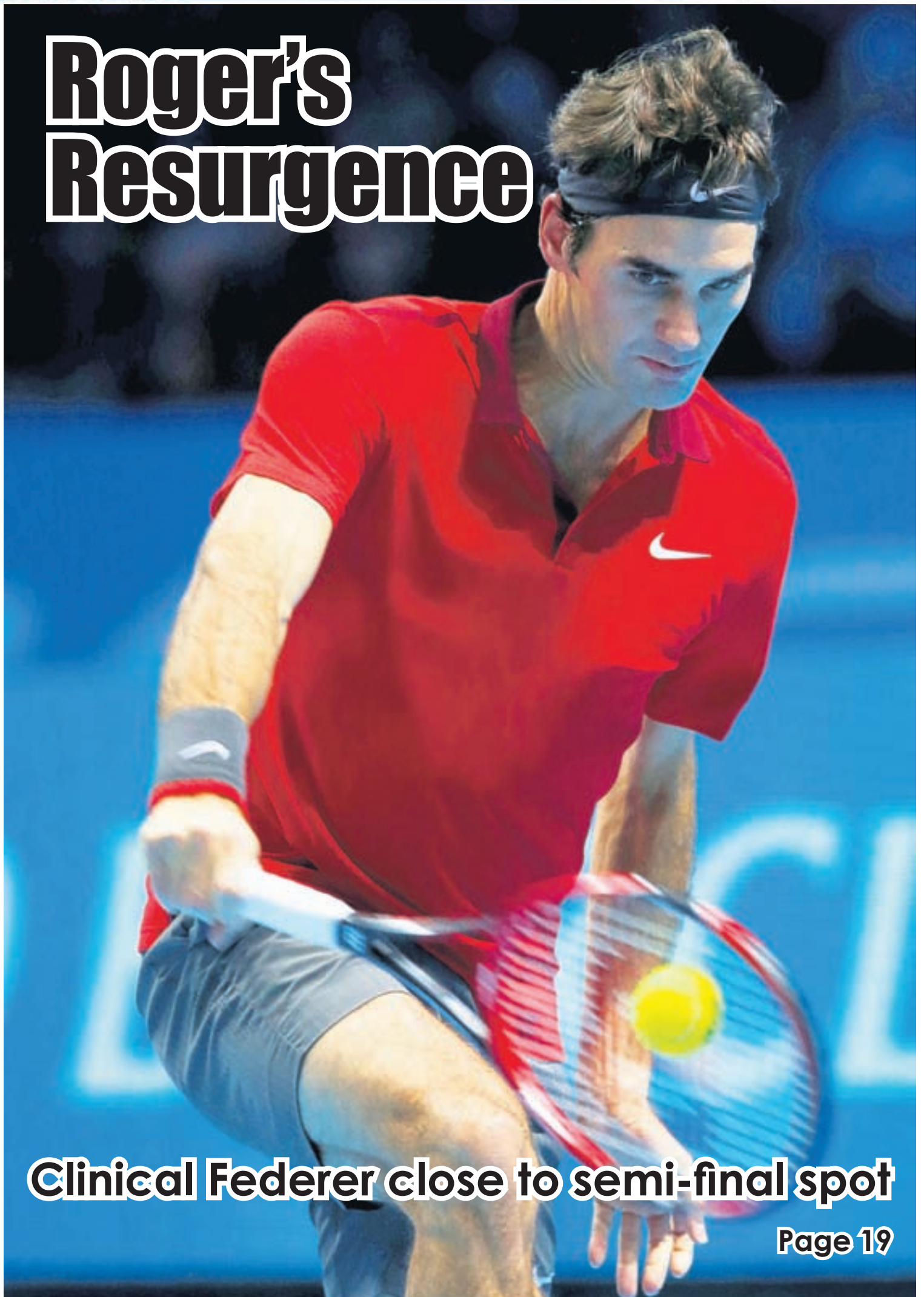
Travis Zajac scored and also assisted on Jaromir Jagr's goal — it was Jagr's 708th goal, equaling Mike Gartner for sixth on the NHL's career list.

At Raleigh, Justin Faulk had a goal and two assists and Jeff Skinner scored his 100th career goal as the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Calgary Flames 4-1.

David Jones gave the Flames a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal at 13:07 of the first period.

Zach Boychuk tied it with 2:30 left in the first period for the Hurricanes, who won for the fifth time in six games. □

Roger's Resurgence



Clinical Federer close to semi-final spot

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Switzerland's Roger Federer plays a return to Japan's Kei Nishikori during their singles ATP World Tour tennis finals match at the O2 arena in London, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.
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Defense, special teams help Eagles rout Panthers

ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) —

Darren Sproles had two touchdowns and Mark Sanchez threw for two scores to help the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Carolina Panthers 45-21 Monday.

Filling in for an injured Nick Foles, Sanchez had 332 yards passing in his first start since Dec. 30, 2012. Sproles returned a punt 65 yards for a score and had an 8-yard TD

run. Bradley Fletcher returned an interception 34 yards for a TD and Jordan Matthews had 138 yards receiving and two TDs.

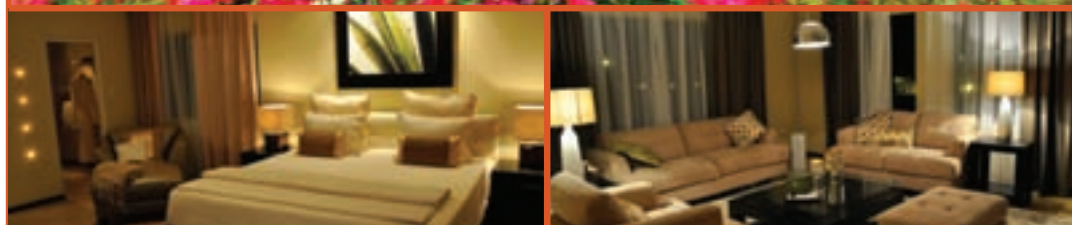
The Eagles (7-2) stayed on top in the NFC East. They're trying to repeat as division champions without Foles, who broke his collarbone in a win at Houston last week.

The Panthers (3-6-1) hardly look like the team that won the



Carolina Panthers' Cam Newton, left, is tackled by Philadelphia Eagles' Trent Cole during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, in Philadelphia.

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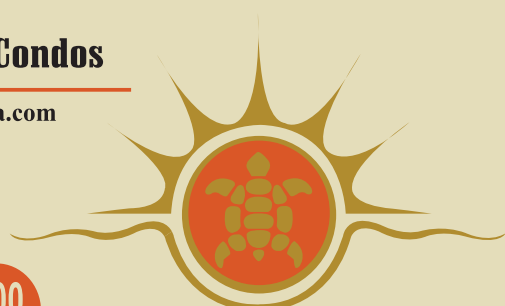
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NFC South last year. They've lost four in a row and already have allowed more points in 10 games than they did in 2013. Making things worse, Panthers defensive tackle Star Lotulelei was carted off the field late in the third quarter. Cam Newton threw the first of three interceptions and DeAngelo Williams lost a fumble on Carolina's first three plays from scrimmage. The turnovers led to 10 points for the Eagles. Conor Barwin had 3 ½ sacks and Brandon Graham had 1 ½. Newton had never been sacked more than seven times in his career. The game was in Philadelphia's control when Newton threw a pair of fourth-quarter TDs to Kelvin Benjamin. Casey Matthews, starting for injured linebacker DeMeco Ryans, forced Williams' fumble and Cedric Thornton recovered at the Panthers 22. Cody Parkey hit a 39-yarder to make it 3-0.

Cary Williams then intercepted Newton on Carolina's next offensive play. It was the first pick by an Eagles cornerback this season. Sanchez completed

passes of 15 yards to Jeremy Maclin and 21 yards to Brent Celek to set up Sproles' score. Sproles took a handoff and ran off the left side untouched.

The Panthers answered on their ensuing possession. Newton connected with Greg Olsen on a 38-yard pass and converted a pair of third-down passes to keep the drive going. Jonathan Stewart jumped over the top from the 1 to cut it to 10-7.

Sproles broke loose up the middle, deked punter Brad Nortman and cut to the right sideline on his way to his second punt return for a score this season and fourth in his career, giving the Eagles a 17-7 lead. Fletcher stepped in front of a poor pass intended for Jason Avant and ran it back to put the Eagles up 31-7. The Eagles already have a franchise-record nine touchdowns on defense and special teams. LeSean McCoy ran in from the 1 to make it 38-7. Matthews caught an 18-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter. Benjamin had TD catches of 21 and 40 yards. □



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Federer wins 2nd round-robin match at ATP Finals

SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Roger Federer made the most of Kei Nishikori's erratic play Tuesday to secure a 6-3, 6-2 victory and move closer to a semifinal spot at the ATP Finals while Andy Murray posted his first victory to stay in contention at the elite tournament.

Federer, the most successful player at the year-end championship with six wins, would have progressed from Group B if Milos Raonic had defeated the home favorite, but the former Wimbledon champion completed a 6-3, 7-5 win over the Canadian newcomer in a dour match that produced very little excitement.

Murray, who had lost his two previous encounters with the big-serving Raonic, ensured some suspense for the last day of matches in his group, with all four players retaining a chance to progress.

"It's a nice match on Thursday to look forward to, it'll be a great atmosphere again," said Murray about his final round-robin match against Federer. "It's always a pleasure to play against Roger. He's one of the greatest players that has ever played so to get the opportunity to play him in an atmosphere like this is excellent."

Nishikori made it easy on Federer as he struggled with consistency throughout. The 24-year-old U.S. Open finalist showed his vast array of shots with some superb backhand winners but made a total of 30 unforced errors and, once

again, could not find his serve.

"He's shown in the past when he gets the upper hand against any player from the baseline, he's very difficult to beat," said Federer after moving to 2-0 in his

powerful groundstrokes. Against Federer, it was a different story.

The Swiss served well and played aggressively on Nishikori's second balls to cut short rallies. After a tight third game where the Japa-

medical timeout at the start of the second set for treatment on his right wrist, but things did not improve afterward. He dropped his serve after hitting three unforced errors to hand a 2-1 lead to Federer and

The Scot broke in the sixth game after the Wimbledon semifinalist shanked an easy smash before hitting two more unforced errors. But Murray could not build on the momentum after opening a 2-1 lead in



Switzerland's Roger Federer follows his shot to Japan's Kei Nishikori during their singles ATP World Tour tennis finals match at the O2 arena in London, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.

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group. "Today for some reason he couldn't get it done. Maybe I was playing too well (...). But I know that Kei can play better. So for me it was really important to take advantage of the fact that I was feeling really good, and then maybe he was struggling a little bit today."

Nishikori, one of three debutants at the O2 Arena this year, had been able to make up for his poor service percentage in his opening win over Murray with his

nese could not convert two break points, the Swiss produced a superb crosscourt forehand passing shot to earn a first opportunity to open up a 3-1 lead, and seized it with another forehand winner.

Federer, who retains an outside chance of overtaking Novak Djokovic for the year-end top ranking following a season in which he claimed five titles, then held comfortably to wrap up the set.

Nishikori called for a

fought hard to save two break points in the seventh game, but hit his fifth double-fault of the match on the third one. "I didn't play really bad. But still, I wasn't really consistent on everything: my serve, my strokes," Nishikori said. "I made unforced errors. So that's why I couldn't stay there."

In the evening session, Raonic struggled with his favorite weapon early on, only averaging 37 percent of first services in the first set.

the second set when Raonic dropped his serve after double-faulting to gift him a break point. Raonic broke back immediately and both players held until 5-5 when Raonic let his nerves get the best of him, sending a forehand wide and netting a half-volley to give Murray the upper hand. The fifth-seeded Murray made no mistake on his next service game, closing out the match on his second occasion when Raonic went long. □

Longoria grand slam powers MLB All-Stars in Japan

JIM ARMSTRONG
AP Sports Writer
NISHINOMIYA, Japan (AP) — Evan Longoria hit a grand slam and the Major League Baseball All-Stars survived a late rally to beat a split Japan squad 8-7 in an exhibition game on Tuesday ahead of their five-game postseason tour. The MLB All-Stars scored two runs in the fourth inning and Longoria made it 6-0 with a blast over the centerfield wall in the fifth inning at Koshien Stadium. "I was able to get a good pitch and drive it," Longoria said. "We don't know a lot about these guys so you've got to try to come into the game and put the bat on the ball." Salvador Perez hit a solo homer in the sixth, and Hiroki Uemoto drove in a run in the bottom

of the sixth, but the All-Stars responded when Dexter Fowler hit a solo shot in the seventh to make it 8-1. But the hosts rallied, scoring five runs in the seventh, and another in the eighth to make it a one-run game. All-Stars manager John Farrell said he was pleased with the result. "Tonight was more than we could have asked for," Farrell said. "We were able to get every position player on the field, we were able to go to our bullpen, but their competitiveness forced us to make some plays." Chris Capuano picked up the win after striking out three and holding Japan to one hit over four scoreless innings. The five-game series against Japan will start on Wednesday at Kyocera Dome in Osaka. There are



U.S. All Star team, Tampa Bay Rays Evan Longoria hits a homerun with bases loaded against Japan's Giants/Tigers team in the fifth inning at Japan US All Star baseball in Nishinomiya, western Japan, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.

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also games at Tokyo Dome, Sapporo Dome and Cellular Stadium in Okinawa. The series marks the first

time since 2006 that a MLB All-Star team has visited Japan. The Japan team was made up of mem-

bers of the country's two most popular professional teams, the Yomiuri Giants and Hanshin Tigers. □

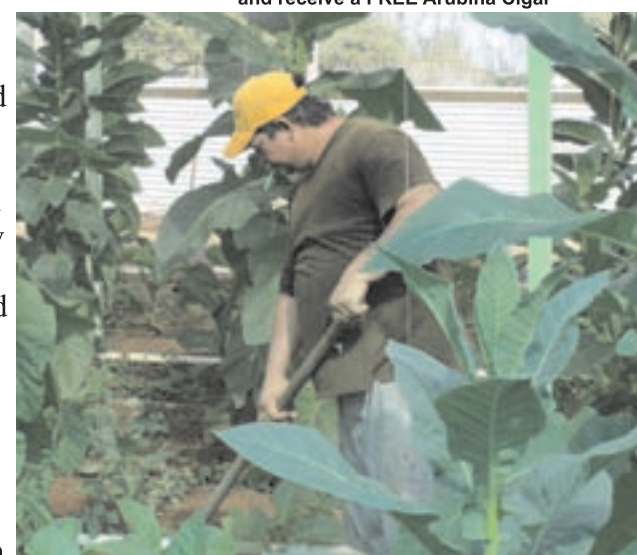
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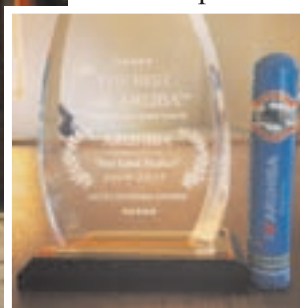
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LeBron's triple-double leads Cavs past Pelicans

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James had a triple-double with 32 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists, and Kyrie Irving scored 27 of his 32 in the second half to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers over the New Orleans Pelicans 118-111 on Monday.

Kevin Love added 22 points for the Cavs, who played their second home game this season. James and Irving dominated in the second half, combining for 46 points — 30 in the third quarter when the Cavs overcame a nine-point deficit. Love, too, was huge after halftime, making four 3-pointers.

Anthony Davis scored 27 with 14 rebounds for the Pelicans, who beat defending NBA champion San Antonio on Saturday night and gave the Cavaliers all they could handle. Ryan Anderson added 32 points — 23 in the first half.

BULLS 102, PISTONS 91

CHICAGO (AP) — Derrick Rose had 24 points and seven assists in his return to the lineup as the balanced Chicago Bulls beat Detroit.

Rose was 9 for 20 from the field in 32 minutes after being sidelined by sprained ankles. The 2011 NBA MVP had missed four of the previous five games after he was injured in an overtime loss to Cleveland on Oct. 31.

Pau Gasol had 17 points and 15 rebounds for Chicago, and Joakim Noah finished with 13 points, 14 boards and six assists. The Bulls outrebounded the Pistons 49-46 after they had lost the battle on the glass in the previous six games, ranking hard-nosed coach Tom Thibodeau.

Josh Smith had 19 points and 11 rebounds for Detroit, which was coming off a 97-96 home loss to Utah on Sun-

day. Greg Monroe had 16 points and 10 boards, and reserve D.J. Augustin scored 16. Pistons center Andre Drummond, who began the game in a jersey that had his name misspelled on the back, grabbed 12 rebounds, but was 0 for 5 from the field and finished with two points.

SPURS 89, CLIPPERS 85

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kawhi Leonard equaled his career high with 26 points despite playing with only one good eye, as San Antonio closed with a rush to beat Los Angeles.

Leonard's vision has been affected by a case of conjunctivitis. Still, he pulled down 10 rebounds and gave the defending NBA champions their first lead with 1:44 left.

Tim Duncan added 18 points and 11 rebounds, and Tony Parker scored nine of his 13 in the fourth quarter for the Spurs, who snapped a two-game skid while earning their first road win.

San Antonio finished the game on a 14-0 run, giving Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Parker their 500th career victory together. They are second among trios in NBA history to Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parish, who won 540 games with the Boston Celtics.

HAWKS 91, KNICKS 85

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Millsap scored 19 points, Dennis Schroder extended his best stretch in the NBA with two big baskets in the final 2 minutes as Atlanta sent the New York Knicks to their fifth straight loss.

Kyle Korver added 17 points as Atlanta finished a home-and-home sweep, including a 103-96 win Saturday at home.

Schroder, a second-year guard from Germany,

scored a career-high 14 points, two nights after setting his previous best with 11. With the Hawks clinging to a three-point lead, he knocked down a jumper with 1:55 to play, then scored on a drive to the basket that gave Atlanta an 81-74 advantage with 59 seconds remaining.

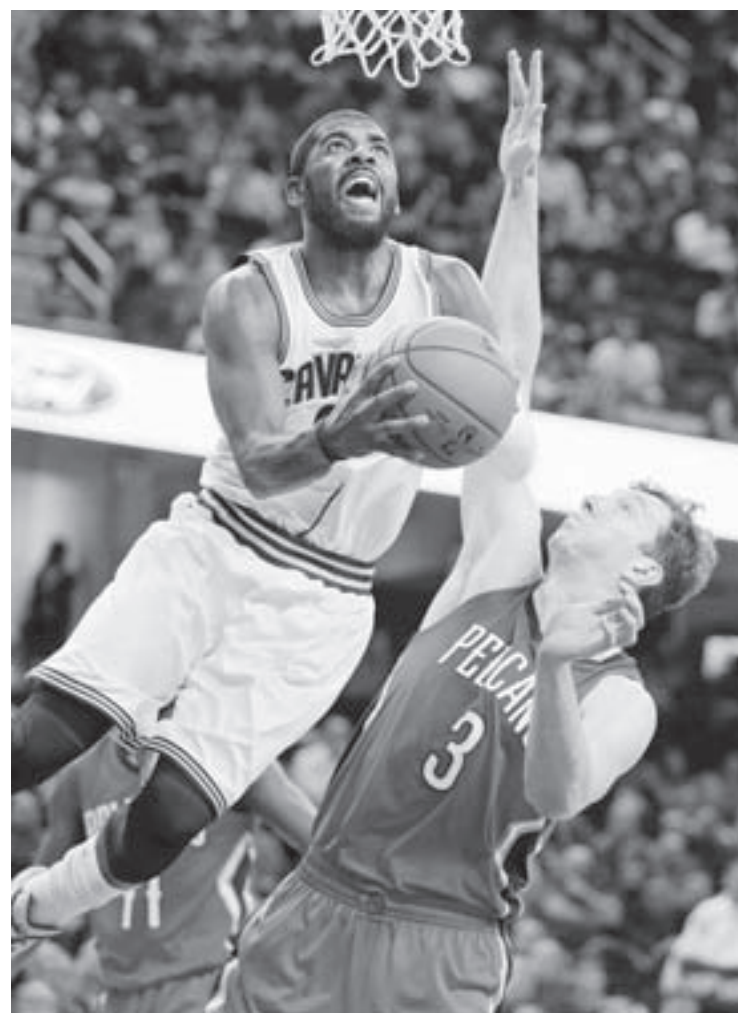
Carmelo Anthony had 25 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Knicks, who came in averaging 92 points, tied for worst in the NBA, and barely surpassed their previous low of 80 in their season-opening loss to Chicago.

PACERS 97, JAZZ 86

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Roy Hibbert scored a season-high 29 points to help Indiana beat Utah, ending the Pacers' six-game losing streak.

A.J. Price had 22 points and Lavoy Allen added 12 — also season highs for both players — as the Pacers won for the first time since the season opener. Allen also had 15 rebounds and Hibbert grabbed five.

Price scored 10 points in the fourth quarter, including



Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyrie Irving puts up a shot against New Orleans Pelicans' Omer Asik (3), from Turkey, in the third quarter of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, in Cleveland. Irving scored 32 points in a 118-111 win over New Orleans.

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two 3-pointers during a 13-2 87-79 lead midway through the period. □

MLS Roundup

Seattle advances behind 0-0 draw with Dallas

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Sounders advanced to the Major League Soccer Western Conference finals for the second time in club history despite playing to a 0-0 draw with FC Dallas in the second leg of the conference semifinals on Monday. The two-legged series finished level at 1-1 on aggregate, but Seattle moved on thanks to its away goal in the first game in Dallas. Away

goals were implemented as a tiebreaker this year. The Sounders were able to avoid the perils of the last two Supporters' Shield winners by advancing from the conference semifinals. San Jose in 2012 and New York last season both finished as regular season champions but were bounced in the conference semifinals. Seattle will face rival Los Angeles in the Western Conference finals. □



Seattle Sounders goalkeeper Stefan Frei leaps to grab the ball next to FC Dallas's Tesho Akindele, left, as Seattle Sounders' Brad Evans (3) looks on in the second half of an MLS western conference semifinal soccer match, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, in Seattle.

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Skin Attack

By Dr Carlos Viana

The Latin word for attack or assault is "impetere" from which we get the word "impetigo". Impetigo is a highly contagious bacterial skin infection most common among pre-school children because their immune system has not fully developed. Although not common in adults, people who play close contact sports such as wrestling, or individuals with a lower immune system are also susceptible, regardless of age. With the start of this year's hurricane season and for our friends up north, who are enjoying the warm, humid weather of summer, this is a good time to review impetigo facts. You see, warm, humid weather is a major risk factor for developing an impetigo skin infection.

No skin infections, even in children, should be taken lightly. Besides being very contagious, an impetigo infection caused mostly by a group of streptococci bacteria, can cause severe kidney inflammation, sometimes resulting in kidney failure. Consequently, I always insist on a blood test to check kidney function, insulin resistance and immune function. When a child or adult develops an impetigo infection, I check for chronic dermatitis, anemia, malnutrition, diabetes or a compromised immune system. All these preexisting possibilities should be carefully evaluated.

Besides warm, humid weather, other risk factors for impetigo infection include: poor hygiene habits, direct contact with a person who has impetigo, using personal items such as towels, linen or clothing of a person with impetigo, crowded living conditions

and participation in skin-to-skin contact.

Good hygiene can help prevent impetigo, which often develops when there is a sore or a rash that has been scratched repetitively. When our boys were children playing outdoors, they would sometimes touch a "bringamosa" or "devil's nettle" a plant with fine needles or "hairs" that sting and cause redness and itching. "Island children are taught to use a nearby aloe plant to dilute the sting, but the needles needed to be cleaned carefully. If scratched with dirty fingernails the affected area could get infected and turn into impetigo. Impetigo may affect skin anywhere on the body but commonly occurs around the nose and mouth, hands, and forearms and diaper area in young children.

There are two types of impetigo: large blisters and crusted impetigo. The crusted is most common. Scabs and red itchy spots appear within one to three days of being infected. The crusted form begins as tiny blisters. These blisters eventually burst and leave small wet patches of red skin that may weep fluid. Gradually, a tan or yellowish-brown crust covers the affected area, making it look like it has been coated with honey or brown sugar.

Blister impetigo is nearly always caused by staphylococcus aureus, which triggers larger fluid-containing blisters that appear clear, then cloudy. These blisters are more likely to stay intact longer on the skin without bursting. When the blisters break, the fluid is contagious and

can produce more blisters.

Preventing injuries, treating infection and practicing good, clean hygiene is important if you want to avoid impetigo. Follow these precautionary measures:

1. Wash hands thoroughly and frequently – after using the bathroom, before cooking and eating, playing with pets and cleaning or dressing a wound
2. Ensure that each family member has his or her own toothbrush, washcloth and towel
3. Separate the infected person's bed linens, towels, and clothing from those of other family members, and wash these items in hot water
4. Teach your child not to share personal items such as eating utensils, clothes, towels, toothbrushes or lip balm with other children
5. Clean and treat injuries with mild soap, antibacterial ointment and then cover with gauze
6. Practice good personal hygiene by showering or bathing every day, washing your child's hair, trimming his or her nails and using a nail brush to clean dirt under the nails regularly
7. Teach your child not to touch eyes, ears, and nose or mouth areas with unwashed hands. Never scratch or pick scabs, wounds or sores as the area under the nails breeds bacteria
8. Keep your child at

home until the infection has healed

Impetigo is typically treated with either an antibiotic cream or pills. This approach could take a long time. Antibiotics to treat bacterial infections do not kill the bacteria. Instead, antibiotics stop the bacteria from reproducing inside your body. Then, hopefully your immune system can more effectively combat the infection. However, if your immune system is compromised, or you have an underlying metabolic problem, your immunity might not be up to the challenge.

Not only do the antibiotics not resolve underlying nutritional, metabolic or immunity problems, but they also kill the friendly bacteria, called "flora", that live in your intestines. These friendly bacteria regulate the consistency of the stools and help with digestion. Eliminating these bacteria can cause the stools to become loose and more frequent. This is why I recommend anyone taking antibiotics take "probiotics" to replace these "pro-life" of friendly bacteria. If you have been prescribed antibiotics, when you've completed your antibiotics, a colonic or colon hydro therapy helps wash the colon to remove residues of the antibiotics. Supplementing with "good bacteria" after a colonic gives your immune system a great advantage. Acidophilus is the most well known and easily found in health food stores, vitamin shops and pharmacies.

In our clinic evaluating and ruling out underlying problems that made it possible for the infection to start on the skin is very important. Blood and urine test are needed to check kidney health and to rule out insulin resistance, the beginning of Diabetes

Type II. We then put our patients on their metabolic food list. Improved nutrition, specifically for your blood type is the foundation of a strong immune system. Thirdly, providing your immune defense with B-complex vitamins and vitamin C is a great start.

Get The Point! Warm, humid weather, whether in Aruba or anywhere in the world increases your risk for skin infection. A good defense is a strong offense. The attack on your skin resulting in impetigo is a message that we need to take a closer look at our health. Suspecting impetigo or other skin infection, cover the blisters with a bandage, wash your hands often and make an appointment to check your immune system.

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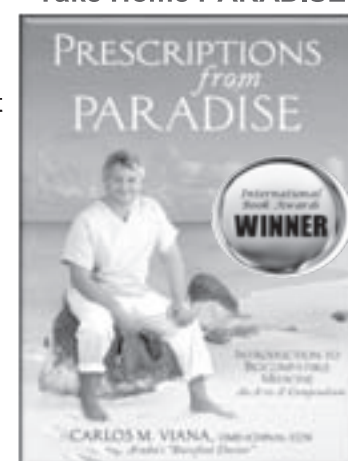
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U.S. fights cybercrime from suburban office parks

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ARLINGTON, Virginia (AP)

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"This is where we put out the fires," says Phyllis Schneck, chief cybersecurity official for the Department of Homeland Security, nodding at an image of a rotating globe on a monitor the size of a movie screen. This fall, The Associated Press paid rare visits to two key civilian and military cybersecurity centers, a secret lab and a 24/7 incident-response venue where the government's computer scientists work

to combat an increasing bombardment by thieves, hostile states and hacktivists.

Cyberattack now eclipses terrorism as the biggest threat to national security, according to U.S. intelligence chiefs. And an AP

terral signs these are classified facilities. The AP was granted access only after agreeing to not disclose the locations and other identifying information.

Inside the DHS cybersecurity center, rows of industry, military and intelligence

gram, a software system that searches government networks for malware, viruses and hacks. Others spot defaced websites and data leaks. Frequently, teams travel directly to infected computers to get them off the network.

At the Defense Cyber Crime Center cybercrime soldiers and defense contractors extract information from devices seized from battlefields, military crime scenes and federal employees whose computers may have been hacked.

They crack encryption on devices, unlock cellphones and disassemble laptops.

The specialists don't hit an "on" switch until the equipment is placed inside a sealed box, to prevent Wi-Fi signals from reaching or being sent from the devices. A technician with a magnifying glasses leans over a digital tablet's colorful circuit board, soldering small wires that could eventually allow him to peek into the user's emails, documents and web-browsing habits.

Specialists like him are in high demand, as private sector cybersecurity jobs can pay double federal salaries, which average around \$80,000 a year. The Defense Department this year announced plans to triple its cyberwarrior force to 6,000 by the end of 2016, and the Justice Department is also recruiting hundreds of cyber-savvy contractors and civil servants. □



A specialist works at the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NC-CIC) in Arlington, Va., Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014. Associated Press

report published this week found the \$10 billion-a-year federal effort to protect the nation online is failing to keep up with attackers. The hubs for the nation's online defense are tucked away in office parks mostly in Washington's sprawling suburbs. There are no ex-

analysts watch three large monitors on each of their desks; they're detecting, preventing, responding to and mitigating cyberattacks.

Some scan through columns of numbers, monitoring live data fed through the federal "Einstein" pro-

Department of Homeland Security spokesman Sy Lee declined to comment on whether the center was involved in stopping a recently reported cyberattack on White House networks, but he said DHS generally leads such response efforts.

Dutch to test solar panels on bicycle path

TOBY STERLING

Associated Press

KROMMENIE, Netherlands

(AP) — A project dubbed "SolaRoad" gets underway in the Netherlands this week, testing roadways as a potential canvas to collect solar energy. Fittingly for the cycle-crazy Dutch, the first SolaRoad is a bike path not far from Amsterdam.

The path is built of massive, Lego-like modules of solar panels embedded in concrete, each with heavy-duty glass on top protecting them from wear. An additional rough translucent plastic coating ensures bikers don't slip.

Sten de Wit of engineer-

ing firm TNO said Tuesday each square meter (yard) of road generates 50-70 kilowatt hours of energy per year. That's about enough for the initial strip of 70 yards to supply power to one or two Dutch households.

The test in the town of Krommenie is slated to run three years and will cost 3 million euros (\$3.7 million), funded equally by the province of North Holland and a consortium of Dutch companies eager to commercialize solar roads.

Although using roads for solar power may seem inconvenient and costly, De Wit says it enjoys significant advantages. Most obvious-

ly, the potential generating area is all but unlimited: in the Netherlands there are 35,000 kilometers (22,000 miles) of designated bike path alone.

Unlike power plants, solar roads can be located near where people live, and they still wouldn't take up land needed for other purposes. That's crucial in the Netherlands, which is both one of the world's most densely populated countries, and one of its most intensely farmed.

De Wit says despite the high costs of designing, building, installing and measuring performance of the first SolaRoad, successor projects may be profitable



Bicyclists are forced to use the sidewalk as they pass a stretch of bicycle path where a solar panel roadway is being constructed in Krommenie, north of Amsterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014. Associated Press

within a decade. As solar cells get ever-cheaper and more efficient, installation and maintenance are quickly becoming the most expensive part of solar power.

"Rooftop arrays have only a small surface area and each has to be connected

to the (electric) grid individually," he said. But "road is laid down by the kilometer" and each segment can be easily chained together and connected to the grid at strategic locations. "That means you'll have economies of scale," he said. □

Stocks eke out gains, record close

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market eked out another all-time high on Tuesday, but the gains were slight as investors awaited more news to give them an indication about the strength of the economy.

Homebuilders got a lift after D.R. Horton reported a surge in net orders for the fourth quarter, the second encouraging report from the sector in as many days after Toll Brother reported strong revenue growth Monday. Juniper Networks slumped after the sudden

0.2 percent, to 4,660.56.

Ninety percent of companies in the S&P 500 have reported their results for the third quarter. Average earnings for companies in the index are now projected to have risen 8.9 percent in the period, according to analysts at S&P Capital IQ. At the start of last month earnings were forecast to grow only 6.7 percent.

Stocks will likely move "sideways to up" for the remainder of the year, said James Liu, Global Market Strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds. Earnings "continue

er home builders including PulteGroup and Lennar also rose.

Home builders also gained Monday after luxury home builder Toll Brothers said its revenue rose 29 percent in the most recent quarter and average sales prices climbed.

Zoetis, a maker of animal health medicines, surged after reports that activist investor William Ackman had taken a \$2 billion stake in the company. The Wall Street Journal reported that Ackman's Pershing Square Capital Management had built the stake



Traders Sal Suarino, left, and Robert Charmak work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market eked out another all-time high on Tuesday, but the gains were slight.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

departure of its CEO.

The stock market's climb to record levels is being underpinned by record corporate earnings. As the reporting period for the third quarter winds down, companies have again managed to post strong earnings, allaying investors' concern that slowing growth elsewhere in the world would crimp profits.

"The strengthening economy is definitely there in the earnings," said Jerry Braakman, chief investment officer of First American Trust. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.42 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,039.68. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 1.16 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 17,614.90. The Nasdaq composite climbed 8.94, or

to look good," he said.

While earnings remain strong, the market could face volatility as investors fret about the potential timing of the Federal Reserve's first increase in interest rates since 2006. "That's my largest area of concern," Liu said.

Fed policy makers have ended their most recent bond-buying stimulus program in October and have said that they will keep interest rates low until they are more certain about the economic recovery.

On Tuesday, D.R. Horton was among the day's gainers after the company said that net orders surged 48 percent in its fourth fiscal quarter. The company's stock climbed 52 cents, or 2.2 percent, to \$23.95. Oth-

er home builders including PulteGroup and Lennar also rose. Home builders also gained Monday after luxury home builder Toll Brothers said its revenue rose 29 percent in the most recent quarter and average sales prices climbed. Zoetis, a maker of animal health medicines, surged after reports that activist investor William Ackman had taken a \$2 billion stake in the company. The Wall Street Journal reported that Ackman's Pershing Square Capital Management had built the stake

together with fellow hedge fund Sachem Head Capital Management. Zoetis rose \$3.56, or 9 percent, to \$43.72. Juniper Networks slumped \$1.22, or 5.7 percent, to 20.28 after announcing that CEO Shaygan Kheradpir had left the company after less than a year. The company said in a press release that his resignation "follows a review by the board of directors of his leadership and his conduct in connection with a particular negotiation with a customer."

Cash, credit cards slow as digital wallets grow

Dave Larsen

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DAYTON, Ohio -- Few consumers take out cash today to pay at the register. In the near future, credit or debit cards may also disappear during transactions.

The recent launch of Apple Pay could result in more people using their smartphones instead of credit cards or cash to pay for purchases, despite consumers' reluctance so far to adopt mobile payments technology, experts said.

Nearly 80 percent of U.S. consumers are aware of so-called "digital wallets," which allow users to pay for items at retail cash registers with a wave of their smartphones, but only 32 percent have used the technology, according to Kettering, Ohio-based Thrive Analytics, a digital marketing research firm.

Introduced last month, Apple Pay will fuel faster adoption of mobile payments over the next 12 to 18 months because of the proliferation of iPhones, said Jason Peaslee, Thrive Analytics' managing partner. In addition, the new technology addresses security and ease-of-use concerns that were roadblocks for consumers. The U.S. proximity-based mobile payments market is projected to be \$62 billion by 2016, according to eMarketer, a New York City-based market research company.

"Everyone wants to get a piece of that action, including large merchants," Peaslee said.

Apple said more than 1 million credit cards were activated on Apple Pay in the first three days after the system launched. The system supports payment cards from American Express, MasterCard and Visa. It is accepted at 220,000 retail and restaurant locations including Macy's, McDonald's, Meijer and Subway.

Last week, Ohio-based First Financial Bank and PNC Bank both announced they would offer Apple Pay service. Merchant Customer Exchange, a consortium of retailers including Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Target and Sears, is test-marketing a rival mobile payment system, dubbed CurrentC, that is expected to launch next year. Currently, Starbucks has the most successful mobile payment system in the U.S. The coffee chain said it averages 6 million weekly transactions, or 15 percent of all Starbucks purchases, via mobile devices.

Mobile payment systems such as Apple Pay and Google Wallet, a competing technology developed by Google, use NFC, or near-field communication, a short-range wireless technology that allows two devices in close proximity to exchange data. To accept mobile payments, retailers' checkout systems must be equipped with an NFC reader, which can cost between \$250 and \$300.

Currently, Apple Pay only works on iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus smartphones, as well as the new iPad Air 2 tablet for online payments. Google Wallet requires an NFC-enabled Android device.

Thrive Analytics said concerns about security were the top reason people haven't used digital wallets.

Apple Pay purchases must be authorized using the mobile device's fingerprint scanner. Actual credit card numbers are not stored on the device.

"Apple offers an easier and safer way for transactions, and is a massive improvement, but by no means is it perfect," Peaslee said.

Many retailers are supporting MCX's CurrentC because it will collect customer data across a number of participating stores, allowing them to better target consumers with deals and loyalty programs.

In contrast, Apple Pay doesn't collect any transaction information that can be tied back to the user. □

Suspect in Libor-rigging case is released on bail

CHAD BRAY

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LONDON - A former employee of the British brokerage firm Tullett Prebon Group made his first appearance in a London court Tuesday in a criminal inquiry into the manipulation of a global benchmark interest rate, and he was released on bail.

In October, the Serious Fraud Office of Britain charged the former employee, Noel Cryan, who worked at Tullett Prebon until last year, with conspiracy to defraud in connection with the manipulation of the London interbank offered rate, or Libor. The fraud office said the conspiracy took place from February to December 2009.

Cryan did not speak during the hearing in Westminster Magistrates' Court, other than to confirm his identity to the court, nor did he enter a plea.

A lawyer for Cryan declined to comment after the hearing.

Cryan was ordered to surrender his passport and was released on bail, but he was not ordered to put up a cash surety to secure his release. He is expected back in court Dec. 5.

Last week, Tullett Prebon said it was facing a separate inquiry by the Financial Conduct Authority of Britain into suspected "wash" trades by two former employees, one of whom is Cryan. Wash trades are transactions that are considered risk free and conducted simply to generate commissions.

Cryan was dismissed by Tullett Prebon last year and has since sued the company.

Tullett Prebon has said it is cooperating with the regulatory inquiries.

Cryan is the 13th former employee of a bank or brokerage firm to face criminal charges in Britain related to the manipulation of Libor, one of the main rates used to determine the borrowing costs for trillions of dollars in loans. □

Spotify CEO bemoans Swift exiting the service

MATTI HUUHTANEN

Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — Spotify's Swedish CEO voiced disappointment Tuesday that Taylor Swift pulled her music off the popular music streaming service, denying claims it's making money "on the backs of artists."

Daniel Ek defended the service in a blog post, saying he had co-founded the platform to protect artists from piracy and had paid more than \$2 billion to music labels and publishers since 2008.

In the blog titled "\$2 Billion and Counting," Ek said that piracy doesn't pay artists a penny, "nothing, zilch, zero," while Spotify's payouts for a top artist like Swift were on track "to exceed \$6 million a year."

Artists complain that music streaming services and file sharing have sharply cut into album sales and that the fees Spotify pays to record labels and music publishers, with a portion eventually funneled to musicians, is too small.

Swift pulled her music from Spotify last week, meaning her songs, which were among the most streamed on the service, are no longer available to its 50 million users. "Music is art, and art is important and rare," Swift wrote in the Wall



Spotify founder and CEO Daniel Ek is seen in Stockholm, Sweden. Spotify's Swedish CEO has voiced disappointment that Taylor Swift pulled her music off the popular music streaming service, denying claims it's making money "on the backs of artists."

(AP Photo/TT/Janerik Henriksson)

Street Journal last summer. "Important, rare things are valuable. Valuable things should be paid for."

Spotify says nearly 70 percent of the revenue it receives from paying customers goes back to rights holders in the form of royalty payments and the more people who pay for Spotify the more money artists get. Customers pay

\$9.99 a month for Spotify's premium streaming service, which gives them access to its music library on smartphones and computers without any advertisements. The company claims 12.5 million of its 50 million users subscribe to the premium service, the remainder using the free service that is funded by advertisements.

Ek conceded that it was a big problem if "money is not flowing to the creative community in a timely and transparent way."

"We will do anything we can to work with the industry to increase transparency, improve speed of payments, and give artists the opportunity to promote themselves and connect with fans," Ek wrote. □

Coalition calls for input amid Federal Reserve shuffle

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WASHINGTON - A coalition of community groups and labor unions wants the Federal Reserve to change the way some Fed officials are appointed, criticizing the existing process as secretive, undemocratic and dominated by banks and other large corporations.

In letters sent to Fed officials last week, the coalition called for the central bank to let the public participate in choosing new presidents for the regional reserve banks in Philadelphia and Dallas. The current heads of both banks plan to step down in the first half of 2015. The Fed's chairwoman, Ja-

net L. Yellen, has agreed to meet on Friday with about three dozen representatives of the groups to hear their concerns.

"The Federal Reserve has huge influence over the number of people who have jobs, over our wages, over the number of hours that we get to work, and yet we don't have discussion and engagement over what Fed policy should be," said Ady Barkan, a lawyer with the Center for Popular Democracy, a Brooklyn-based advocacy group that is orchestrating the campaigns. "More people's voices need to be heard."

A spokeswoman for Yellen confirmed the meeting

but declined to comment on the issues raised by the groups.

The Philadelphia Fed said in an email that the institution "is conducting a broad search for its next president and will consider a diverse group of candidates from inside and outside the Federal Reserve System."

James Hoard, a spokesman for the Dallas Fed, said the bank's board would meet on Thursday to discuss the search process.

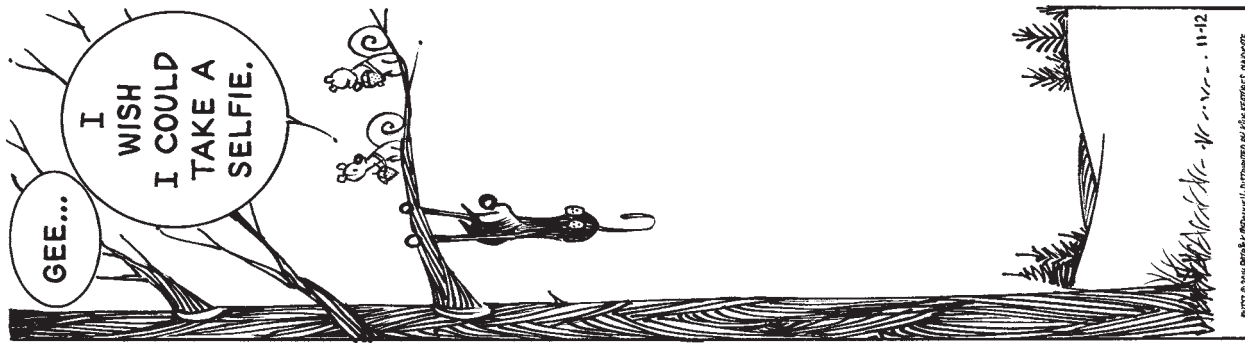
The campaign is part of a broader increase in political pressure on the Fed, which is engaged in a long-running campaign to stimulate the economy that some liberals regard as insufficient and some

conservatives see as both ineffective and dangerous. Barkan led a picket line in support of the Fed's efforts in August outside the annual monetary policy conference at Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

House Republicans, meanwhile, have passed legislation that seeks to reduce the Fed's flexibility in responding to economic downturns, arguing that such efforts are destabilizing.

The Fed acts like a monolith, but it has a complicated skeleton. Most power rests with a board of governors in Washington, who are nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate. □

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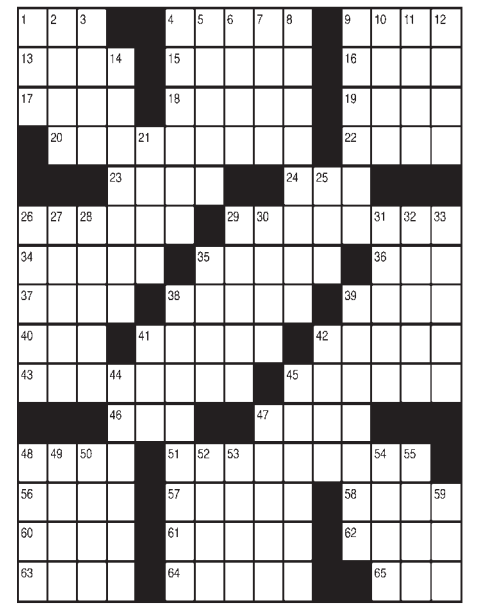
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 On one's ___; independent
4 ___ setter; reddish dog
9 Twirl
13 Luau garlands
15 Slogan
16 Cracker spread
17 Valley
18 Petty officer, for short
19 Street uprising
20 Bawl out
22 Goofs
23 Bathroom features
24 "___ Lazy River"
26 Gouda or jack
29 Perfect place
34 Our planet
35 Long stories
36 Actor Aykroyd
37 Landers and Sothorn
38 Violent winds
39 Untamed
40 Zoom down snowy slopes
41 Salaries
42 Orchard
43 Item in a make-up kit
45 Plundered
46 "Last one in's a rotten ___!"
47 Horse's home
48 Castro's land
51 Well thought-out to achieve long-term aims
56 Put-___; taken advantage of
57 Garbage
58 Resound
60 Golf links cry
61 Spooky
62 Good buy
63 Neighbor of Barney Rubble
64 Gets dizzy
65 Monogram for Mamie's man
- DOWN
- 1 Ancient
2 Have on
3 Longest river
4 Have a drink
5 Den & kitchen
6 "___ girl!"; new parents' cry
7 Astonish
8 Neighbor of Guatemala
9 Jam or butter
10 Couple
11 "Take ___ leave it"
12 Brooklyn team
14 Groups of 7
21 Hurry
25 Faux ___; social blunder
26 Stop
27 Kleenex alternative, for short
28 Golfer ___ Els
29 Less vivid in color
30 Grows gray
31 Blockhead
32 Ointment
33 Finished
35 Cooking herb
38 Hoodlum
39 Did an injustice to
41 Hairpiece
42 Clinton's VP
44 Was tilted
45 Shaping machines
47 Actor Rathbone
48 Wristband of a shirt
49 "Put ___ shut up!"
50 Drill a hole
52 Pine or banyan
53 Uncommon
54 Frosted
55 Actor Everett
59 Bullfight cheer



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Soldier Honored

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Tornesello aimed his anti-aircraft gun toward the sky and fired. "The saddest thing is when you see a kamikaze hit a ship and kill some men - a lot of men," he said. Most military operations on Luzon ended in June 1945. Tornesello went to train for what was expected to be a bloody invasion of Japan. It never took place. The Americans built the atomic bomb and used the nuclear weapon, forcing the Japanese to surrender on the deck of the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945. MacArthur presided over the ceremony, which ended the war. Tornesello was not there.

"They told us we were going home," he recalled. "I couldn't believe it 'cause I figured we were going to Japan."

Tornesello left the military on Jan. 20, 1946, and returned to Green Island. He and his father, Michael, who fought under the storied Sgt. Alvin York during World War I, operated a luncheonette in Troy for 23 years. Tornesello married his wife, Helen, in 1948. They had six daughters. Helen died in 2006.

In recent months, Michael Cocca, another Green Island veteran, told the Tornesello's daughter, Michele Foley, and her husband, Jim, about John Mullen, a service officer at the Disabled American Veterans of Troy. Mullen obtains unclaimed or lost medals for veterans. He brings them and other mementos to Country Outlet Framing in Delanson, where framer Kevin Soucy creates detailed shadow boxes with the materials.

Tornesello's wife kept his military uniform in a plastic travel bag for decades.

Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Albany Chapter also honored Tornesello for his contributions to history. On Saturday, the group awarded him a commemorative World War II pin in front of several family members in the Van Schaick Mansion in Cohoes. "We wanted to recognize one of the survivors of this great generation," said Susan Hare, regent of the Albany DAR chapter. □

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Europe ready to land 1st probe on streaking comet

FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — How do you land a spacecraft on a comet that is streaking by at 41,000 mph (66,000 kph)?

That's a problem scientists have been grappling with for more than a decade as they prepare for one of the most audacious space adventures ever — the European Space Agency's attempt to land a scientific probe on the giant ball of ice and dust known as 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko. They'll find out Wednesday whether their plan will work when the agency's mission control center in Darmstadt, Germany, gives its unmanned Rosetta space probe the final go-ahead to drop a lander on the comet.

The event marks the climax of Rosetta's decade-long journey to study the icy celestial bodies that have long fascinated humanity. Scientists hope that the data collected by Rosetta and its sidekick lander, Philae, will provide insights into the origins of comets and other objects in the universe.

On Tuesday, the agency announced that systems aboard the Philae lander had failed to switch on properly at first. Fearing a cosmic calamity, scientists tried a reboot.

"The lander successfully

powered up, and preparations are now continuing as planned," the agency said on its website.

The hitch demonstrates how much can still go

Launched in 2004 after a year's delay, the Rosetta spacecraft had to swing around Earth three times — and once around Mars — to gain enough speed

ta will execute a series of complicated maneuvers to reach the optimum drop-off point. About 0835 GMT (3:35 a.m. EST), the lander will separate from

seven-hour descent to the comet.

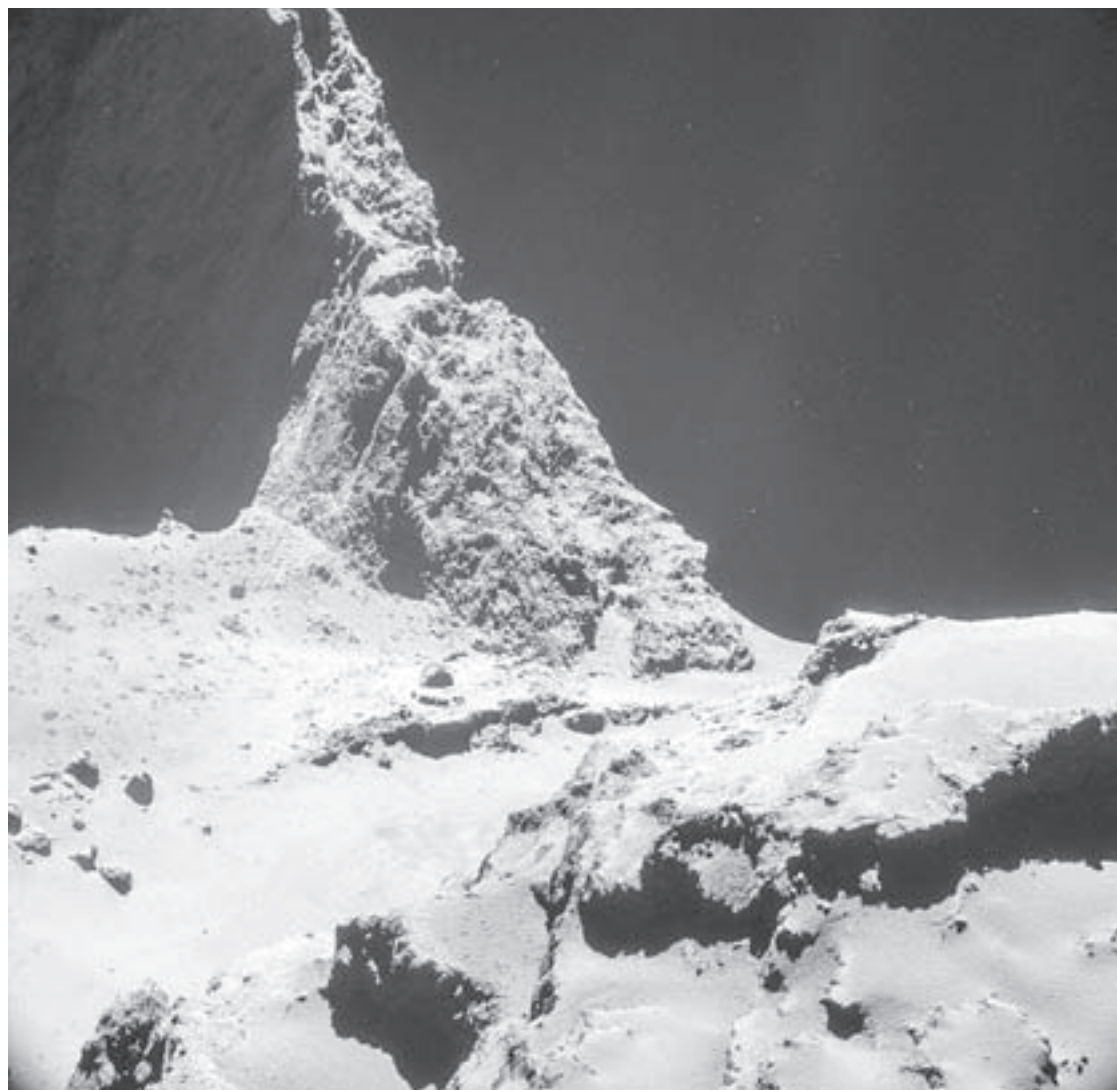
Once the 100-kilogram (220-pound) lander touches down, it will fire two harpoons into the 4-kilometer (2.5-mile) wide comet's icy surface to avoid bouncing off due to the low gravity. Experts have likened the process to flying over a city and trying to hit a specific spot with a balloon.

Confirmation of the landing is expected to reach Earth at about 1603 GMT (11:03 a.m. EST).

Even if the landing fails, mission manager Fred Jansen said Rosetta alone will be able to gather much of the data that scientists hope will help them learn more about the origins of comets, stars, planets and even life on Earth.

Already scientists have made a number of exciting discoveries about the comet. Close-up pictures sent back to Earth in July show it's shaped a bit like a giant duck, suggesting that it may be the result of two comets that collided. Last month, one of Rosetta's 11 on-board instruments found that the comet's coma, the fuzzy head surrounding the nucleus, is made up of chemicals that on Earth would smell like rotten eggs and vinegar, among other things.

And on Tuesday the European Space Agency said it had determined the 'sound' of the comet, likely caused by the release of particles into space becoming electrically charged. As the comet makes its closest approach to the sun — the point called perihelion — the amount of matter it releases will greatly increase. "We'll watch this comet evolve," said project scientist Matt Taylor. "It's never been done before." □



The picture taken with the navigation camera on Rosetta and released by the European Space Agency ESA shows the boulder-strewn neck region of Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, with the smaller lobe on the left and the larger lobe on the right.

wrong with the 1.3 billion euro (\$1.62 billion) mission first conceived more than two decades ago.

to chase down the comet. After traveling 6.4 billion kilometers (4 billion miles), it pulled up alongside 67P in August.

Now Rosetta and the comet are flying in tandem at 41,000 mph between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, 500 million kilometers (311 million miles) from Earth. The vast distance means the European Space Agency has to rely on NASA's Deep Space Network of giant radio antennas to communicate with Rosetta.

Early Wednesday, Roset-

the mother ship.

If anything goes wrong then, scientists will be powerless to do anything but watch. Since it takes more than 28 minutes for a command to reach Rosetta, the lander has been programmed to perform the touchdown autonomously. The landing site — dubbed Agilkia after an island on the river Nile — was chosen because it is fairly free of boulders. But even the smallest error could put Philae hundreds of meters (yards) off course during its



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Meryl Streep, Stevie Wonder get Medal of Freedom

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Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Meryl Streep, Stevie Wonder and Tom Brokaw are among the latest Americans tapped to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, President Barack Obama announced Tuesday.

The performers and former NBC anchor will join 16 others at the White House on Nov. 24 for a ceremony marking their achievements. The medal is the highest honor granted to civilians in the U.S. and honors contributions to U.S. security, world peace and cultural achievement.

"From scientists who kept America on the cutting edge to public servants who help write new chapters in our American story, these citizens have made extraordinary contributions to our country and



In this combination of Associated Press file photos, Tom Brokaw, left, speaks at the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry annual dinner Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, in Hershey, Pa., Meryl Streep, center, appears at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, on a Feb. 24, 2013, and Stevie Wonder performs during the "In Performance at the White House" in the East Room of the White House in Washington on May 9, 2012. Meryl Streep, Stevie Wonder and Tom Brokaw are among the latest Americans tapped to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, President Barack Obama announced Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.

the world," Obama said in a statement from Beijing, where the president was traveling for an economic summit. Musical theater

composer Stephen Sondheim and actress Marlo Thomas will also receive the award. Choreographer Alvin Ailey, who died in 1989, will receive the medal posthumously. So will former Rep. Edward Roybal of California, who founded the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. Those being honored in-

clude slain civil rights activists James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, who were killed during their work in an historic voter registration effort in Mississippi in 1964. Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, the longest-serving congressman in American history, will receive the award, as will Ethel Ken-

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nedy, the widow of former Sen. Robert Kennedy. Native American activist Suzan Harjo and former Reps. Abner Mikva of Illinois and Patsy Takemoto Mink of Hawaii are also on the list. Other recipients include author Isabel Allende, scientist Mildred Dresselhaus, golfer Charles Sifford and economist Robert Solow. □



In this Aug. 26, 2014 file photo, security guards walk past the entrance to CNN headquarters in Atlanta.

Associated Press

CNN to end Broadcasting in Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — The international news channel CNN says it will halt broadcasting in Russia due to recent changes in media legislation.

Turner International, which operates CNN, announced the move in a statement Tuesday. It didn't elaborate on the background to the decision, but appeared to refer to a law passed in October that limits foreign media ownership in Russia to 20 percent.

The chairman of the Kremlin's human rights council, Mikhail Fedotov, was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying the decision would "seriously impoverish" Russia's information sphere.

Concerns are strong about media freedom in Russia as the government has taken control of all major domestic television stations and the independent-minded Echo of Moscow radio station has come under pressure. □

Bryan Cranston reads profane hit nursery rhyme

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AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bryan Cranston has lent his voice to a sequel to the profane hit nursery rhyme "Go the (Bleep) to Sleep."

The "Breaking Bad" and "Malcolm in the Middle" star follows in the footsteps of Samuel L. Jackson by narrating "You Have to (Bleeping) Eat," by novelist Adam Mansbach. The new audiobook will be available free from Audible starting Wednesday.

"This is a very funny book and my hope is that listeners will agree that I can swear with just as much panache as Samuel Jackson," Cranston said in a statement.

Sample line: "The bunnies are munching on carrots. The lambs nibble grasses and bleat. I know you're too hungry to reason with but you have to (bleeping) eat." Now imagine it's



In this May 16, 2014 file photo, Bryan Cranston attends the Drama League Awards in New York. Associated Press

read by Walter White. "Go the (Bleep) to Sleep," with illustrations by Ricardo Cortes, was a surprise hit in 2011, inspired by Mansbach's daughter's resistance to sleeping. It sold over 1.5 million copies worldwide. Mansbach is the author

of such novels as "Rage Is Back" and "Angry Black White Boy." The new book features illustrations by Owen Brozman. British fans can hear Stephen Fry read the new book for free from www.canongate.tv before Nov. 19. □

With 'Rosewater,' Jon Stewart makes a movie

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AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A bleary-eyed Jon Stewart is sitting outside his offices reflecting on his directorial debut, "Rosewater," a drama about the unjust imprisonment of journalist Maziar Bahari in Iran.

It's the morning after "The Daily Show" broadcast live for the midterm elections, including a sketch that reported from the campaign headquarters of the night's big winner — Money, as played by a hard-partying Rob Riggle — and the desolate base of the night's loser, Ideas.

Humor, Stewart says, is an "amoeba-like substance" that can grow in even the harshest of conditions, like life at the bottom of the ocean.

"It may be grotesque and absurd life. It may be a fish with a crab growing out of its head that lights up like a Lite-Brite," says Stewart. "But it's there."

For 16 years on "The Daily Show," Stewart has found comedy by wading through the muck of TV news, partisan politics and some horrific current events. "Rosewater" may seem like a story far afield from the satire practiced on the "The Daily Show," but Stewart was drawn to the true tale by Bahari's levity in recounting his 118

days imprisoned and tortured after reporting on Iran's 2009 elections.

In his memoir, "Then They Came for Me," Bahari (played by Gael Garcia Bernal in the film) relates an uncommon sympathy for his interrogator, recog-

"It's a process that I need to use for myself," says Stewart. "That's the way I process events."

"Rosewater" is a subtle mission statement of Stewart's worldview, one where humor is an essential tool for disarming the powerful, for

tainty. It really is confusion being worked out through whatever silliness we've thrown out there."

Stewart was connected to Bahari because he appeared in a segment by "Daily Show" correspondent Jason Jones, filmed

"Once you've survived doing stand-up at a Fud-druckers outside of Rochester, Jordan is much more luxurious," says Stewart.

Returning to "The Daily Show," he moved the film's editor into a coat room at the show's offices. In between work on the show, he ran and up and down floors to sneak in editing sessions.

"There were definitely moments where I thought, 'OK, you always wondered just how far you can push this. Well, now you know,'" says Stewart.

But the results are impressive, particularly for a first-time filmmaker. Stewart, said The New York Times, "turns out to be a real filmmaker."

"Who knew?" says Steve Carell, the former "Daily Show" correspondent. "I had no idea he was a filmmaker, and he is. Right out of the block, he has a voice and a style."

Part of what makes "Rosewater" unique is its resistance to Hollywood-izing Bahari's tale. Just as Stewart — ever a champion of nuance — laments the media's penchant for exaggeration, he recoiled at making "a one-dimensional, victim-versus-monster torture-porn movie."

"There's an infrastructure of torture that is officious, business-like, absurd, Kafkaesque," says Stewart. "Violence is there, but there is a much broader context that it all lives in." Bahari, who now lives in London, says he and Stewart share a resentment of those who believe they have "a monopoly on truth."

"It's futile to regard a government or a person as a monster or evil," says Bahari. "There's no evil or monster. There's just human beings in bad systems."

Will Stewart, whose Comedy Central contract is up next year, make another movie? The form he operates in, he says, doesn't matter.

"It's a journey. It's a conversation," says Stewart. "One thing I won't do is write music or sing." □



In this Nov. 7, 2014 photo, Jon Stewart poses for a portrait in promotion of his film, "Rosewater," in New York. Stewart, who hosts the political satire series "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," makes his directorial and screenwriting debut in the film about a journalist who is detained in Iran.

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nizing the absurdity of an authoritative regime that would so desperately fear his opinions. In a film about preserving one's sanity in an insane system, the moment of triumph is a joyful, overflowing laugh.

claiming one's humanity. "Certainty is the enemy of humor," says Stewart. "Authoritative regimes are nothing if not certain and dogmatic. One of the things about ('The Daily Show') is a lack of cer-

in Iran. (The footage was later treated as evidence that Bahari was a spy.) After Bahari was released, a friendship developed between him and Stewart.

Stewart offered to help Bahari get his book adapted into a film, but when four months went by without interest, an impatient Stewart wrote the script himself. He would meet Bahari at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast to go over notes, and write in the evening after taping "The Daily Show" and putting his two kids to bed.

"I basically did what we do here: I threw a bunch of cards up on the board and I structured it," says Stewart of his first stab at screenwriting.

Stewart shot the film last summer in Jordan while on hiatus from "The Daily Show." In extreme heat, working with a largely international cast and with a small budget, the novice director summoned naturalistic performances from his actors.

Big Bank Hank of Sugarhill Gang dies at age 57

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TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Big Bank Hank, a member of the pioneering hip-hop group the Sugarhill Gang, has died, a funeral director has confirmed. He was 57.

Aree Booker, a funeral director with Eternity Funeral Services in Englewood, New Jersey, didn't specify the cause of death, but said the rapper died Tuesday and that his funeral home would handle the services.

Big Bank Hank, whose real

name was Henry Jackson, was a part of the Sugarhill Gang in 1979 when the band had hip-hop's first hit with "Rapper's Delight." It is one of the most recognized and popular rap songs of all time.

"Rapper's Delight" was released as hip-hop music started to emerge as a genre, and it landed in the Top 40 on the Billboard Hot 100 charts. It also peaked at No. 4 on the Hot Soul Singles chart (now called the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart).

The Sugarhill Gang also included Master Gee and

Wonder Mike. The group formed in Englewood, New Jersey.

After "Rapper's Delight," the trio had minor successes with songs such as "Apache" and "8th Wonder," but faded away. Their last album was the 1999 children's rap album, "Jump On It!"

"Rapper's Delight" became a success thanks to the late Sylvia Robinson, the record label owner who released the song on her Sugar Hill Records. She was known as "the mother of hip-hop" and died in 2011. □

Death by Typo



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My parents used to own a small house with a large backyard, in which my mother cultivated a beautiful garden. At some point, however - I don't remember why - my father looked at the official deed defining their property, and received a shock. According to the text, the Krugman lot wasn't a rough rectangle; it was a triangle more than a hundred feet long but only around a yard wide at the base.

On examination, it was clear what had happened: Whoever wrote down the lot's description had somehow skipped a clause. And of course the town clerk fixed the language. After all, it would have been ludicrous and cruel to take away most of my parents' property on the basis of sloppy drafting, when the drafters' intention was perfectly clear. But it now appears possible that the Supreme Court may be willing to deprive millions of Americans of health care on the basis of an equally obvious typo. And if you think this possibility has anything to do with serious legal reasoning, as opposed to rabid partisanship, I have a long, skinny, unbuildable piece of land you might want to buy.

Last week the court shocked many observers by saying that it was willing to hear a case claiming that the wording of one clause in the Affordable Care Act sets drastic limits on subsidies to Americans who buy health insurance. It's a ridiculous claim; not only is it clear from everything else in the act that there was no intention to set such limits, you can ask the people who drafted the law what they intended, and it wasn't what the plaintiffs claim. But the fact that the suit is ridiculous is no guarantee that it won't succeed - not in an environment in which all too many Republican judges have made it clear that partisan loyalty trumps respect for the rule of law.

To understand the issue, you need to understand the structure of health reform. The Affordable Care Act tries to establish more-or-less universal coverage through a "three-legged stool" of policies, all of which are needed to make the system work. First, insurance companies are no longer allowed to discriminate against Americans based on their medical history, so that they can't deny coverage or impose exorbitant premiums on people with pre-existing conditions. Sec-

ond, everyone is required to buy insurance, to ensure that the healthy don't wait until they get sick to join up. Finally, there are subsidies to lower-income Americans to make the insurance they're required to buy affordable.

Just as an aside, so far this system seems to be working very well. Enrollment is running above expectations, premiums well below, and more insurance companies are flocking to the market.

So what's the problem? To receive subsidies, Americans must buy insurance through so-called exchanges, government-run marketplaces. These exchanges, in turn, take two forms. Many states have chosen to run their own exchanges, like Covered California or Kentucky's Kyneect. Other states, however - mainly those under GOP control - have refused to take an active role in insuring the uninsured, and defaulted to exchanges run by the federal government (which are working well now that the original software problems have been resolved).

But if you look at the specific language authorizing those subsidies, it could be taken - by an incredibly hostile reader - to say that they're available only to Americans using state-run exchanges, not to those using the federal exchanges.

As I said, everything else in the act makes it clear that this was not the drafters' intention, and in any case you can ask them directly, and they'll tell you that this was nothing but sloppy language. Furthermore, the consequences if the suit were to prevail would be grotesque. States like California that run their own exchanges would be unaffected. But in places like New Jersey, where GOP politicians refused to take a role, premiums would soar, healthy individuals would drop out, and health reform would go into a death spiral. (And since many people would lose crucial, lifesaving coverage, the deaths wouldn't be just a metaphor.)

Now, states could avoid this death spiral by establishing exchanges - which might involve nothing more than setting up links to the federal exchange. But how did we get to this point?

Once upon a time, this lawsuit would have been literally laughed out of court. Instead, however, it has actually been upheld in some lower courts, on straight party-line votes - and the willingness of the Supremes to hear it is a bad omen.

So let's be clear about what's happening here. Judges who support this cruel absurdity aren't stupid; they know what they're doing. What they are, instead, is corrupt, willing to pervert the law to serve political masters. And what we'll find out in the months ahead is how deep the corruption goes. □



The Obama Opposition



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The president came to Washington thinking he could change Washington, make it better, unite it and the nation. He was wrong. As he ascended, the tone of political discourse descended, as much because of who he was as what he did. When Obama introduced Joe Biden as his vice-presidential running mate in Springfield, Illinois, he expressed his confidence that Biden could "help me turn the page on the ugly partisanship in Washington, so we can bring Democrats and Republicans together to pass an agenda that works for the American people."

In his first Inaugural Address, Obama said:

"On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord. On this day, we come to proclaim an end to the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn-out dogmas that for far too long have strangled our politics. We remain a young nation, but in the words of Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things."

He underestimated the degree to which his very presence for some would feel more like a thorn than a salve. The president seemed to think that winning was the thing. It wasn't. Stamina was the thing. The ability to nurse a grievance was the thing.

The president's first "I won" moment came shortly after his inauguration. It was in an hour-long, bipartisan meeting with congressional leaders about the stimulus package. ABC News reported an exchange the president had with Eric Cantor this way:

"Obama told Cantor this morning that 'on some of these issues we're just going to have ideological differences.' The president added, 'I won. So I think on that one, I trump you.'" Then, in a 2010 meeting with members of Congress about the Affordable Care Act, a visibly agitated president quipped to John McCain (who was raising concerns about the bill): "We're not campaigning anymore. The election is over."

And in 2013, appearing even more agitated after the government shutdown, the president chastised his opponents across the aisle: "You don't like a particular policy or a particular president? Then argue for your position. Go out there and win an election."

This idea that Republicans would honor the fact that he was elected - twice - almost seems quaint. It angered; it didn't assuage. And in addition to some people being ideologically opposed to Democratic principles in general, others are endlessly irritated by a personal attitude and persona that seem impervious to chastisement or humbling.

Even the president himself has come around to giving voice to this in public. Last year he told The New York Times: "There's not an action that I take that you don't have some folks in Congress who say that I'm usurping my authority. Some of those folks think I usurp my authority by having the gall to win the presidency."

Gall here is an interesting word, and a purposeful one I think. It is in line with all the other adjectives used to describe this

president's not kowtowing and supplicating himself before traditional power structures.

Arrogant is another word that gets regular usage by his opponents, like Rand Paul, Paul Ryan and Chris Christie.

Some even connect Obama and supposed arrogance to anything and everything he does.

Ted Cruz has said that the Affordable Care Act and the problems in Syria are "tied together by an arrogance of this administration." Newt Gingrich has even said that the president golfs arrogantly.

And let us not forget elitist and radical.

Occasionally someone lower on the pecking order and with a little less discipline will utter the unutterable, the racially charged word that hangs like a cloud over the others: uppity.

To demonstrate their disapproval, the more conservative, more homogeneous midterm electorates have dealt the Democrats - and specifically, the president - painful blows in the last two elections. This will render a stalled agenda even more so.

His term must be tarnished; his accomplishments erased.

Some people blame the president for not cultivating more congressional relationships, across the aisle and even in the Democratic caucus. There may be some truth to that, but not much, I believe.

No amount of glad-handing and ego-stroking would compensate for the depths of the opposition. Nor would messaging.

This is a president who was elected by an increasingly diverse national electorate that some find frightening, a president who is pushing a somewhat liberal agenda that some have found intrinsically objectionable, and a president who is battling some historical personality tropes that many cannot abandon.

To his opponents, this president's greatest sins are his success and his self. □

A Linzer Torte Fit for Thanksgiving

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At one point in my meandering cooking career, I found myself working in a French pastry shop in California. Although the owner was Swiss, nearly everything we produced was classical French: croissants, brioches, eclairs, that sort of thing. There were fresh fruit tarts, chocolate gateaux and all kinds of puff-pastry delights, everything a self-respecting Francophile could dream of.

For Christmas, we made masses of buches de Noel, Yule logs filled with buttercream and decorated with marzipan mushrooms. At Easter, we made all kinds of egg-shaped confections. But for Thanksgiving, there was not one traditional American standard item. No apple pies, no pumpkin pies, no pecan pies.

Because the bakery was so popular, people came in anyway, determined to pick up some sort of Thanksgiving dessert, along with breakfast pastries and breads for the hungry hordes of gathering relatives.

At a certain point, with such a high demand, we began to tell them what they wanted to hear. There was one display case that featured a few Viennese and Swiss specialties. Most of them were sturdy, somewhat somber-looking nut tortes.

They would spot the Linzer torte, a lattice-topped, raspberry-jam-filled affair, made with a marvelous dough of ground hazelnuts and almonds. Or the Engadiner Nusstorte, with its sweet filling of walnuts and honey in a burnished caramelized sauce, would catch their attention.

Since these tortes did look rather pielike, we stretched the truth a bit. Oh yes, we would tell them, this one is traditional for Thanksgiving in Austria, and that one is very popular in Switzerland. Some customers actually walked away believing us, but there was no real harm done, and we knew they had bought something delicious.

For Thanksgiving this year, feeling a bit nostalgic, I had Linzer torte on my mind. I

was determined to make one, only mine would be revolutionary, filled with cranberry jam instead of apricot or raspberry, the way I used to sell them.

I wanted the rich, nutty flavor of a European torte, but cranberries, I reasoned, would make it almost American. The result of the unconventional pairing was so satisfying, it may well become an annual habit.

A CRANBERRY LINZER TORTE

Time: 2 hours, plus time for

14 tablespoons (198 grams) unsalted butter, plus more for greasing the pan

3/4 cup (160 grams) sugar

Zest of 1 lemon

Zest of 1 orange

1 large egg, plus 1 egg yolk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

Powdered sugar, optional

1. Make the filling: Combine all ingredients in a saucepan over medium-

ing 3 tablespoons of flour to keep them from becoming oily. (Nuts should have the texture of coarse cornmeal.) Set aside.

3. Make the dough: In the bowl of a stand mixer with whisk attachment, combine butter, sugar, and lemon and orange zest. Beat until sugar is dissolved and mixture is pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes.

Beat in egg, egg yolk and vanilla.

4. In a separate bowl, mix together ground nuts, the rest of the flour, cloves, cinnamon, baking powder

utes. On floured parchment paper, roll the larger piece of dough into a 12-inch circle, dusting the top with flour as necessary. If dough is difficult to handle, chill again. Pat evenly into pan until sides and bottom are completely lined with dough about 1/8-inch thick. Refrigerate or freeze tart shell until firm.

7. Roll out smaller piece of dough on floured parchment paper to rectangle about 10 by 12 inches and 1/8-inch thick. Cut into strips about 3/4 inch by 12 inches. Transfer parchment



A cranberry linzer torte with a lattice pastry crust, with ground toasted almonds and hazelnuts in the dough, in New York, Nov. 4, 2014. Tortes are more often made with apricot or raspberry filling. In honor of Thanksgiving, this one substitutes cranberries.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

chilling

Yield: 10 to 12 servings

FOR THE FILLING:

12 ounces (340 grams) cranberries

2 cups (450 grams) sugar

Zest of 1 orange

Juice of 1 orange, plus water to equal 3/4 cup (220 milliliters)

Pinch of salt

FOR THE CRUST:

3/4 cup (120 grams) whole hazelnuts

3/4 cup (120 grams) whole almonds

1 3/4 cups (270 grams) unbleached all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting

high heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Lower heat to a brisk simmer and stir frequently, until cranberries burst. Continue cooking, mashing fruit a bit with the back of a spoon, until thick as jam, about 30 minutes. Set aside. (Filling may be prepared in advance.)

2. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place hazelnuts and almonds on a baking sheet and bake about 10 minutes, until well browned. Rub skins off hazelnuts while still warm, discarding skins. Cool nuts, then grind finely in a food processor, add-

and salt. Add to butter mixture in three parts, mixing each time until it forms a slightly sticky dough.

5. Divide dough into 2 pieces, one slightly bigger. Form larger piece into a ball, wrap and flatten to a 1-inch thickness. Form smaller piece into a rough rectangle, wrap and flatten to a 1-inch thickness about 4 by 5 inches. Chill 3 to 4 hours, or overnight.

6. Heat oven to 350. Butter and flour an 11-inch fluted French tart pan. Remove dough from refrigerator and let stand for 10 min-

to a tray and refrigerate or freeze until firm.

8. Spread cranberry jam evenly into shell. Lay strips across top in a lattice pattern. Form remaining dough scraps into a rope 1/2 inch in diameter and use it to encircle outer edge of tart. Score diagonally with the handle of a spoon or flute with fingers to make a border.

9. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until jam is bubbling and dough is lightly browned. Let cool and dust with powdered sugar if desired. Serve in small wedges. □